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Dedication

Brave men and women from Rhode Island have served our country with distinction since America's earliest days. Not long after the United States was attacked on September 11, 2001, members of the United States Armed Forces were overseas defending our freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. This edition of the Rhode Island Government Owner's Manual is dedicated to the memory of those Rhode Island patriots who paid the ultimate price in support of operations against global terrorism since September 2001. We honor these men and women and their families every time we engage with our government and exercise our rights as fellow Americans.

In Memory Of

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Captain Matthew J. August
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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

Dear Rhode Islander:

I am pleased to present the 2017-2018 Rhode Island Government Owner's Manual, a convenient and comprehensive guide to your state and local government. Within its pages you will find contact and background information on our elected and appointed state officials, information on Rhode Island's cities and towns, and more.

As your Secretary of State, it is my mission to engage and empower Rhode Islanders by helping you connect with your government in relevant and innovative ways. This publication is just one of many ways in which the Rhode Island Department of State is working to make government more accessible and transparent for Rhode Islanders.

Since taking office, I have also made improving and enhancing online access to government a priority. You can find the information in this book on our website at www.sos.ri.gov/govdirectory. In addition, you can use our website to:

- › Plan, start and maintain your business
- › Update your voter registration information
- › Find meeting schedules for all state and local government public meetings
- › See who is registered to lobby your state government officials

With informed, engaged and voting citizens from all walks of life, Rhode Island is poised to usher in a new era of civic participation, pride and opportunity. It is my goal to make Rhode Islanders the best informed and engaged citizens in the country so that our great state can realize its full potential.

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

“... the sovereign, original, and foundation of civil power lies in the people...”

- Roger Williams, 1644

Government must be effective, transparent and accountable to the people it serves in order to succeed. With informed, engaged and voting citizens from all walks of life, Rhode Island will be poised to usher in a new era of civic participation, pride and opportunity. The following information is intended to help you engage your government in a meaningful and effective way.

Open Meetings

Rhode Island state law requires all state and municipal departments, agencies, committees and councils to file notices and agendas of upcoming meetings with the Rhode Island Department of State. Most meeting notices must be filed at least 48 hours before the date and time of the meeting. In addition, most departments, agencies, and commissions within the Executive Branch of state government must file meeting minutes with us within 35 days of a meeting. For more information and a comprehensive listing of posted meetings and minutes, visit: <http://sos.ri.gov/openmeetings/>.

The Legislative Process

You can play a critical role in shaping the laws that impact many aspects of our lives. It is important in a democracy that citizens help keep their legislators informed. Legislators need to know what their constituents are thinking and the basis of their opinions in order to be true representatives of the people. As a citizen, you can help ensure good legislation on state and national levels by communicating with your elected representatives at the proper time.

Follow the Legislative Process

Bills and committee hearing schedules can be tracked online by visiting the Rhode Island Legislature's website at: www.rilin.state.ri.us/.

Furthermore, all sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate are televised on Capitol TV, which can be seen on Channel 15 on both Cox Cable and Full Channel Cable, and on Verizon FIOS Channel 34. Also televised are all hearings of the House Finance Committee, selected hearings held by other legislative committees, as well as various press conferences and other special events held in the State House. These broadcasts are also available on-demand online at <http://ricaptv.discovervideo.com/>.

Is There a Bill or an Issue of Particular Concern to You? Organize!

Organizing a group to advocate for or against legislation is often more effective than individual efforts. A group is far more visible, has greater resources, and carries more political weight. Organize a group of friends, co-workers, or neighbors around a specific issue of concern to all of you. Learn how the system works and find out which legislators are dealing with your area of concern. If you are interested in becoming actively involved in tracking and influencing the legislative process, here are some important points that will make your advocacy efforts more effective:

Personal Contact

1. Before contacting any legislators, take the time to read all available background material on the bill or issue which concerns you. Although it is beneficial for you to know a great deal about the specifics of bills and issues, it is not essential that you know everything. The primary goal of your visit is to express your concern over a particular bill or issue.
2. Know when and where to contact a legislator. Each legislator's contact information is contained in this book. The best times to find a legislator at the State House are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday late afternoons during the legislative session (January through June or July).

3. If you have genuine expert knowledge, share it with the legislator. It will be welcomed. No legislator can be an expert on everything. If you have read the bill carefully and/or understand the issues involved as a result of personal knowledge or research, you may be of great assistance to the legislator.
4. Be constructive. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe is the right approach. If you want to suggest amendments to a bill that has been introduced, it is important that you have: a) a clear idea of what you want to be included or deleted; b) the reasons to justify the proposed change; and c) good, strong facts to back up your position before you contact your legislator. If possible, leave copies of your position and/or suggested changes with the legislator.
5. You do not need a crowd to be influential. One, or possibly two, well-informed advocates on the same subject are more effective and less confusing than a large group gathered at the same time.
6. When you introduce yourself, save time by making it clear who you are and what organization, if any, you are working with. If you are cooperating with some group from the legislator's home district, mention it and the fact that the home district group may also be trying to reach the legislator.
7. Do not go overboard. An elaborate pitch or long, emotional speech will not be appreciated. Legislators do, however, appreciate your well-prepared facts and views, presented in a straightforward manner. Make sure their time is well spent in talking to you.
8. It is easy, particularly when dealing with legislators who disagree with you, to become upset and frustrated. If you disagree, a calm, reasonable attitude and a set of well-prepared reasons for your position may change their minds on the issue. It is generally advisable not to get into arguments which may trigger prejudices. Let legislators explain their views—listen without interrupting. They often have input from many resources to which you may not have access, such as fiscal agencies, state departments, other groups with expertise on the issue, and legislation from other states. Take a few notes about the legislator's comments, noting any questions they have. Understanding a legislator's view of the facts and where they come from will help you develop counterarguments.
9. Do not demand a commitment before the facts are in. Give your legislator a fair chance to examine all sides of an issue. The legislative process is complex, and bills change their shape in committee and on the floor of both chambers of the Legislature. It is possible that the bill you originally supported changed so much during the legislative process that you oppose its final form. A legislator may end up voting on the bill as a whole, weighing the good with the bad, the needs of all constituents, and/or the state as a whole, rather than those of a particular group or individual.

Letter Writing and Email

A personal letter or e-mail may be the most effective way of contacting your legislator. Many offices prefer email. Here are some suggestions on how your letters can be most effective:

1. **ADDRESS IT PROPERLY.** Know your legislator's full name and correct spelling. For specific addresses, refer to their listings in this book.
2. **ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR LAST NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE LETTER.** A letter cannot be answered if there is no return address and this shows you are a constituent.
3. **USE YOUR OWN WORDS.** Avoid form letters and petitions. They tend to be identified as organized pressure campaigns and are often answered with form replies. One thoughtful, factual, and well-reasoned letter carries more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards.
4. **TIME THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR LETTER OR EMAIL.** Try to write to your legislator and the chairperson of the committee dealing with a bill, while a bill is still in committee, and there is still time to take effective action. Sometimes a bill is out of committee, or has been passed, before a helpful, informative letter arrives which could have made a difference in the way the bill was written or in the final decision.
5. **KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WRITING ABOUT.** Identify the bill or issue of concern to you. Thousands of bills and resolutions are introduced in each session. If you write about a bill, try to give the bill number or describe it by popular title, such as the "Whistleblower's Act," or the "School Code."

6. BE REASONABLY BRIEF. Many issues are complex, but a single page presenting your opinions, facts, arguments, or proposals as clearly as possible is preferred and welcomed by most legislators.
7. GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR POSITION. Explain how the issue would affect you, your family, business, or profession, or the effect on your community or our state. If you have specialized knowledge, SHARE IT WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR. Concrete, expert arguments can help determine whether or not a bill becomes law.
8. BE CONSTRUCTIVE. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe to be the right approach.
9. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS SHOULD DETERMINE THEIR PRIORITY CONCERNS. Contact the legislator on those specific issues rather than on every issue. The pen pal who writes every few days on every conceivable subject tends to become a nuisance rather than an effective voice of concern.
10. WRITE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION. Let legislators know when you feel they are doing a good job. Legislators are human too and seldom receive thank you letters of encouragement.

Remember, on any one issue, even a few letters or emails to one legislator can have an important impact. Sometimes just one letter or email, with a new perspective, or with clear-cut, persuasive arguments can be the decisive factor in a legislator's action.

Social Media

Social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) has become an increasingly popular way to connect with elected officials. You can visit the online version of this publication at <http://sos.ri.gov/govdirectory/> to find up-to-date contact information, including social media, for general officers and legislators.

LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING

In 2016, Secretary of State Nellie M. GORBEA worked to pass landmark legislation that simplifies, clarifies, and strengthens lobbying laws in Rhode Island, which became effective January 1, 2017. State law requires lobbyists, lobbying firms, and their clients to register with the Rhode Island Department of State and to report a variety of data regarding their activities.

You can use Lobby Tracker (<https://apps.sos.ri.gov/lobbytracker/profiles>), our searchable database that includes the name of every registered lobbyist in the state, the legislative and executive branch issues they are concerned with, compensation, and clients. If you are unsure as to whether or not your advocacy activity constitutes lobbying, please contact:

Rhode Island Department of State
Public Information Division
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Lobbyist Hotline

If you have reason to believe that an individual or entity currently not registered in our Lobby Tracker system is engaged in the practice of lobbying a Rhode Island state official, you can report this activity anonymously by calling our Rhode Island Lobby Hotline at 401-330-3187 or by sending us a detailed and anonymous tip online via www.sos.ri.gov/publicinfo/lobbying/.

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Children: Emily

General Background

High School: La Salle Academy
College: US Military Academy at West Point, BS
Graduate School: JFK School of Government, MPP & Harvard Law School, JD
Previous Occupations: Attorney; Army Officer

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: RI State Senator, (1984-1990); US House of Representatives, 2nd District, (1991-1996)
Military Service: Army Officer

Additional Information

Committee Assignments for 115th Congress: Congressional Caucuses; Co-Chair, Army Caucus; Co-Chair, Hidden Heroes Congressional Caucus for Military and Veteran Caregivers; Co-Chair, Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus; Co-Chair, Senate Financial Literacy Caucus; Co-Chair, USO Congressional Caucus; Democratic Chair, Friends of Portugal; After School Caucus; Congressional Boating Caucus; Congressional Fire Services Caucus; Defending Social Security Caucus; Heart and Stroke Coalition; Hispanic Task Force; Hunger Caucus; Impact Aid Caucus; Indian Caucus; National Guard Caucus; Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition; Science Technology and Policy Forum; Senate Cancer Coalition; Senate Cultural Caucus; Senate Navy Caucus; Senate Oceans Caucus; Senate Task Force on Manufacturing; Senate TRIO Caucus

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General Background

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Previous Occupations: Attorney
Business and Personal Affiliations: Congressional Boards and Commissions; Senate National Security Working Group

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Special Assistant Attorney General of RI, (1984-1989); Assistant Attorney General of RI, (1989-1990); Legal Counsel to the Governor of RI, (1991); Policy Director, Office of the Governor of RI, (1992); Director, RI Department of Business Regulation, (1992-1994); US Attorney for the District of RI, (1994-1998); RI Attorney General, (1999-2003)

Additional Information

Committee Assignments for 115th Congress: Committee on the Budget; Committee on Environment and Public Works; Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Committee on Judiciary; Special Committee on Aging

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General Background

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Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Mayor of the City of Providence, (2003-2011); RI State Representative, (1995-2002)

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General Background

High School: Bishop Hendricken High School, 1983

College: Rhode Island College, B.A., Political Science, 1990

Graduate School: Harvard University, M.P.A., 1994

Previous Occupations: RI Secretary of State

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: RI General Assembly, (1988-1994); Rhode Island Secretary of State, (1994-2000)

Additional Information

Congressional Committees and Caucus Leadership: House Armed Services Committee; Ranking Member, Subcommittees on Emerging Threats and Capabilities; Seapower and Project Forces; Strategic Forces; House Committee on Homeland Security; Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; Co-chair, Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus; Co-chair, Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus; Co-chair, Congressional Olympic & Paralympic Caucus; Co-chair, Career and Technical Education Caucus; Co-chair, Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth

Key Staff

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RHODE ISLAND
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Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/17/1971

Spouse: Andy Moffit

Children: Cecilia; Thompson

General Background

High School: La Salle Academy,
1989

College: Harvard University, BA,
1993

Graduate School: Oxford University
- Rhodes Scholar, 1997; Yale Law
School, 1998

Public Service Information

Prior Government Offices: Rhode Island General Treasurer,
(2011-2015)

Description

The chief executive power of this state is vested in the Governor. The Governor has the constitutional responsibility and authority to ensure that the laws of Rhode Island are faithfully executed.

Major Responsibilities

As chief executive, the Governor is responsible for public health, environmental management, human services, business regulation, workforce development and training, transportation, homeland security, emergency management, and law enforcement. The Governor also serves as the captain general and commander in chief of the military and naval forces of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Constitution authorizes and requires the Governor to prepare and present to the General Assembly an annual, consolidated operating and capital improvement state budget. The Governor also has broad constitutional appointment power for judges, state officers and members of executive boards and commissions. She can exercise legislative veto and general pardon authority. The Governor also serves as Chair of the Board of Commerce RI (Economic Development).

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Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/16/1951

Spouse: Susan

Children: Matthew; Kara

General Background

High School: Cumberland High School, 1969

College: Assumption College, BA - Political Science; Education, 1973

Graduate School: Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, MBA - Public Administration, 2005

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Mayor, Town of Cumberland, (2000-2004, 2006-2014)

Description

The Lieutenant Governor is elected by the voters of Rhode Island to serve as one of the five General Officers mandated by the State's Constitution. Under the Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor assumes the duties of the Governor during any vacancies in the Governor's office or in the event the Governor is unable to serve. The Lieutenant Governor is also charged with serving in a number of other capacities, including chairing several councils.

Major Responsibilities

Under state law, the Lieutenant Governor is responsible for working in several policy areas in state government through the councils he chairs. They include the Small Business Advocacy Council, which was created to give small business a voice in government; the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council, which helps ensure the state is prepared for emergencies; and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, which works to preserve seniors' quality of life in all settings. Under an executive order signed in 2015, the Lieutenant Governor is also leading an effort to develop best practices for the sharing of services by Rhode Island's cities and towns.

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State House

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Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/12/1967

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General Background

College: Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, AB, 1988

Graduate School: Columbia University, School of Public and International Affairs, MPA, 1992

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Deputy Secretary of State, (2003-2006); Advisor on Economic Affairs to the Governor of Puerto Rico, (1999-2000); Assistant to the President, Puerto Rico Government Development Bank, (1998-1999); Policy Specialist, New Jersey Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning, (1988-1990)

Description

The Rhode Island Department of State engages and empowers all Rhode Islanders by making government more accessible and transparent, encouraging civic pride, enhancing commerce, and ensuring that elections are fair, fast and accurate.

Major Responsibilities

Through our Business Services Division, we maintain filings for active and inactive businesses. These include for-profit and non-profit corporations, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies. Our online Business Portal makes it easier to start or grow a business by creating a custom-tailored road map of relevant permits, applications, and other government services. Business Services also administers the Uniform Commercial Code Program as well as registers Notaries, Trademarks, and Games of Chance. The Elections and Civics Division prepares all ballots, maintains the state's voter registration database and publishes guides for candidates and voters. The Division of State Archives, Library, and Public Information serve as a gateway to open government tools. The State Archives is responsible for comprehensive archives, a state-wide records management program, and preserves historic documents and records. The Rhode Island State Library provides reference and research services in the areas of law, legislation, government reports, and Rhode Island History. Public Information registers and tracks lobbying activity and regulations within Rhode Island state government, and publishes upcoming and past meetings of all state and local government entities, including boards and commissions. Finally, the Department of State offers guided tours to State House visitors and oversees the State House Visitor Center and Gift Shop.

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General Background

High School: Milton Academy

College: Brown University, BA

Graduate School: Yale University, MBA

Previous Occupations: Investment Professional, Teacher

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: ERSRI Retirement Board; Chair, State Investment Commission; Chair, Public Finance Management Board; Chair, Advisory Committee to Locally Administered Pension Plans; Chair, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank; Board Member, Rhode Island Housing and Mortgages Finance Corp.; Board Member, Rhode Island Student Loan Authority.

Description

The General Treasurer is a statewide general officer dedicated to promoting economic growth and financial stability for all Rhode Islanders. As steward of the state's finances, the General Treasurer oversees the state's investments, banking, borrowing, and retirement system.

Major Responsibilities

The Office of the General Treasurer includes the Employees' Retirement System, which oversees pension and retirement benefits for state employees, teachers and many municipal public servants throughout the state. The Crime Victims' Compensation Program helps victims who suffer financial losses as a result of a crime. The office also returns millions of dollars in unclaimed property to Rhode Islanders every year; oversees the state's CollegeBound 529 savings programs; ABLE tax-advantaged savings accounts for Rhode Islanders living with disabilities; financial literacy programs in middle-schools and high-schools throughout the state; and invests the state's \$8 billion pension fund to achieve longer-term growth and sustainability.

Additional Information

The Office of the General Treasurer has an uncompromising commitment to transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. Its Transparent Treasury initiative is a national model for public pension funds; the Public Finance Management Board is the leading source of information on all public borrowing in the state; and the office regularly asserts its shareholder rights to push for responsible and sustainable practices from the companies in which it invests.

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Biographical

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Spouse: Kristine

General Background

High School: Tolman High School, 1980

College: Roger Williams University, AS, BS, 1988

Graduate School: Roger Williams University School of Law, JD, 1998

Previous Occupations: Attorney; Adjunct Professor Johnson & Wales University

Business and Personal Affiliations:

Eastern Regional Chairman, National Association of Attorneys General; Pawtucket Police

Association; RI Police Officers Emerald Society; Knights of

Columbus; Warren German American Club; South Kingstown

Lodge No. 1899 BPO Elks; RI Commissioned Police Officers; AOH

Newport

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: State Representative District 61 (1991-2011)

Description

The Attorney General is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five General Officers subject to election by voters. The Office of the Attorney General was first created in Rhode Island in May 1650. Since its creation, the Office has been an elected position, except for a brief period from 1740 to 1742 when the charter allowed for the appointment of a King's attorney for each county. The Office of the Attorney General was formally adopted under the Rhode Island State Constitution in 1842. The Office of the Attorney General is divided into three distinct divisions: Criminal, Civil, and Administration, each of which is responsible for several sub-units which together combine to meet the goals and the objectives of the Office. The Office is divided into four budget programs: Criminal, Civil, General, and the Bureau of Criminal Identification. The Attorney General may serve two consecutive four-year terms.

Major Responsibilities

The Office of the Attorney General is the central legal agency of the State. The Office is responsible for prosecution of all felony criminal cases and misdemeanor appeals as well as prosecution of misdemeanor cases brought by State law enforcement action in the various district courts. Additionally, as chief legal officer of the State, the Attorney General has responsibilities beyond criminal prosecution. The Attorney General represents all agencies, departments, and commissions in litigation and initiates legal action where necessary to protect the interests of Rhode Island citizens. These matters range from gas, electric, and telephone company rates before the Public Utilities Commission, health insurance rate cases, environmental issues, protecting the public's rights under the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act, to protecting consumers from deceptive practices and antitrust violations. The Attorney General provides legal advice to state officers and state agencies whenever requested. The Office of the Attorney General is also charged with operating and maintaining the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, which is the central repository of all criminal records in the State.

Administrative Staff

Deputy Attorney General
Chief of Staff
Chief of the Criminal Division
Chief of the Civil Division
Director of Administration
Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Public Information Officer
Policy and Legislation
Director of Consumer Protection Unit

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RHODE ISLAND SENATE

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Senate President; Ex-Officio
Member of all Senate Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/19/1948
Children: Charles; Amanda

General Background

Occupation: Administrator
Employed By: New England Laborers Labor Management Coop Trust
High School: La Salle Academy, 1966
College: Bryant College; Providence College, BS, 1974
Business and Personal Affiliations: Board of Directors, Wanskuck Library; Sons of Italy, Loggia Vittoria; DaVinci Center Development Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Policy Aide, Office of the Lt. Governor, (1977-1981); State Representative, (1981-1984); Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore, (1988-1990); Senate Majority Whip, (2003-2010); Elected Senate President March 28, 2017; Elected Senator November 6, 1984

Description

The Senate President is elected by the membership. The Senate President is the presiding officer of the sessions of the Senate and preserves order and decorum in and about the Senate chamber during the session.

Major Responsibilities

Serves as an Ex-Officio member of all Senate committees. Presides over all sessions of the Senate and Grand Committee, appoints members to all Senate committees and the Senate members of all joint committees, and may create other committees and subcommittees as may be required and appoint members to them in accordance with the law. Appoints the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary of all Senate committees, majority whip, deputy majority whip, and deputy majority leaders.

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Director of Constituent Services	John S. Baxter
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Chief of Staff	Marie L. Ganim, PhD
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Majority Leader; Ex-Officio Member
of all Senate Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/18/1963

Married to: Dierdre (Gill) McCaffrey

Children: Michael; Cailin; Brenna;
Dierdre

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: McCaffrey and McCaffrey

High School: Bishop Hendricken High School, 1981

College: Providence College, BS - Accounting, 1985

Graduate School: Suffolk University, JD, 1989

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar
Association; Past Grand Knight, Warwick Knights of Columbus

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November
8, 1994

Description

The Majority Leader is elected by the membership of the
majority party.

Major Responsibilities

The Senate Majority Leader presides over all caucuses and
conferences of the majority party and is responsible for the
assignment of legislation to committees and serves as an Ex-
Officio member of all standing committees of the Senate.

Administrative Staff

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the Majority Leader
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Dennis L. Algieri

Senate Minority Leader



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Minority Leader; Ex-Officio Member
of all Senate Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/30/1960

Married to: Leigh Williams

General Background

Occupation: Senior Vice-President

Employed By: The Washington Trust Company

High School: Westerly High School, 1978

College: Providence College, BA, 1982

Graduate School: Northeastern University, MS; University of
Massachusetts School of Law

Business and Personal Affiliations: Lions Club of Westerly;
Board, Westerly Old Town Hall Museum; President's Council,
Providence College; Chair, Building Committee and Capital
Campaign, Westerly Public Library; Alumni Board, University
of Massachusetts School of Law; Board, Living Supply Closet;
Member, Westerly Fire Department

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Westerly Town Council,
(1990-1992); Senate Deputy Minority Leader, (1995-1996);
Senate Minority Leader, (1997-Present); Elected Senator
November 3, 1992

Description

The Minority Leader is elected by the membership of the
minority party.

Major Responsibilities

Presides over all caucuses and conferences of the minority
party. Nominates minority representation on committees to the
Majority Leader.

Administrative Staff

Chief of Staff	Patricia L. McNeilly
Director of Communications	Katie M. Haughey- Cardoza
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Minority Leader; Ex-Officio

Member of all Senate Committees

Biographical

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Married to: Leigh Williams

General Background

Occupation: Senior Vice-President

Employed By: The Washington Trust Company

High School: Westerly High School, 1978

College: Providence College, BA, 1982

Graduate School: Northeastern University, MS; University of Massachusetts School of Law

Business and Personal Affiliations: Lions Club of Westerly; Board, Westerly Old Town Hall Museum; President's Council, Providence College; Chair, Building Committee and Capital Campaign, Westerly Public Library; University of Massachusetts School of Law Alumni Board; Board, Living Supply Closet; Member, Westerly Fire Department

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Westerly Town Council, (1990-1992); Senate Deputy Minority Leader, (1995-1996); Senate Minority Leader, (1997-Present); Elected Senator November 3, 1992

Stephen R. Archambault



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Environment and Agriculture; Rules,
Government Ethics and Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/11/1965

Married to: Gigi Rodriguez Archambault

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Law Office of Stephen R. Archambault

High School: Smithfield High School

College: Community College of Rhode Island, American University, BA

Graduate School: Salve Regina, MS; Roger Williams School of Law, JD

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Smithfield Town Council; Elected Senator November 6, 2012

Jeanine Calkin



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**Secretary: Environment and
Agriculture; Member: Health and
Human Services**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/29/1969

Married to: Daniel Calkin

General Background

Occupation: IT Consultant

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Johnston Senior High School

College: Johnson & Wales University

Graduate School: Bryant University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 8, 2016

SENATE

Frank A. Ciccone, III



Senate District 07

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Government; Member: Labor;
Finance**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/10/1947

Children: Carla Ciccone

General Background

Occupation: Retired

High School: Hope High School, 1965

College: Bryant College

Business and Personal Affiliations: Italian American War Veterans; Rosario Society; Verrazzano Day Observance Committee, Sons of Italy-Piave Lodge #364; Rhode Island Italian American Police Officials Association; DAV

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: 7th Senatorial District Committee, Elected Senator November 5, 2002

Military Service: Honorable Discharge

William J. Conley, Jr.



Senate District 18

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Chair: Finance; **Member:**
Environment and Agriculture

Biographical

Date of Birth: 03/02/1953

Married to: Norma (Brady)

Children: Dylan; Colleen; Brady

General Background

Occupation: Lawyer

Employed By: Law Office of William J. Conley, Jr.

High School: East Providence High School

College: Boston College

Graduate School: Catholic University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: East Providence City Council, (2010-2012); Elected Senator November 6, 2012

Marc A. Cote



Senate District 24

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Vice-Chair: Commerce; **Member:**
Special Legislation and Veterans'
Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/01/1952

Married to: Suzanne B. (Beaudoin)

Children: Justin; Monique

General Background

Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Sales & Leasing

Employed By: Boucher Real Estate, Inc.

High School: Mount Saint Charles Academy, 1970

College: University of Rhode Island, BS, 1975

Graduate School: Babson College, MBA, 1977

Business and Personal Affiliations: National, Rhode Island and Northern Rhode Island Boards of Realtors; Northern Rhode Island Council on the Arts; Cercle Laurier, Inc.; National Federation of Independent Business

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 8, 1994

Cynthia A. Coyne



Senate District 32

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Agriculture; **Member:** Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/08/1961

Married to: Gerald

Children: Katherine; Patrick; Ian; Meghan

General Background

Occupation: Consultant; Lieutenant RI State Police (Retired)

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Saint Raphael Academy

College: University of Rhode Island, BA - Political Science
& Economics, 1983; Roger Williams University, BS -
Administration of Justice, 1989; FBI National Academy, 163rd
Session, 1990

Business and Personal Affiliations: Commissioner, Commission
on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Barrington Town Council,
(2010-2014); Elected Senator November 4, 2014

Elizabeth A. Crowley



Senate District 16

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Municipal Government; **Member:**
Health and Human Services

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/22/1951

Children: Christine Crowley; Melissa Crowley; 2 grandchildren:
Mackenzie-Gabriella DeFaria

General Background

Occupation: City Clerk Emeritus (Retired)

High School: Central Falls

College: Community College of Rhode Island; New England
Municipal Clerks' Institute Academy at Salve Regina University

Business and Personal Affiliations: Past President, New England
City & Town Clerks; Master Municipal Clerk; Historic Central
Falls; Past Member, Central Falls Democratic Committee;
Past State Committee Woman District 56; 45-year member
Holy Spirit Church Choir; Past member, Holy Trinity Finance
Committee; Past Member, Parish Council

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: President Pro Tempore,
Central Falls City Council; Volunteer of the Year Award Channel
One; Historic Central Falls Award; Housing Award; The Senator
Jack Reed Advocacy Award; Elected Senator November 4, 2008

Daniel Da Ponte



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Member: Finance; Rules,
Government Ethics and Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/15/1978
Married to: Marcia (Sousa)
Children: Antonio; Sofia

General Background

Occupation: Financial Advisor
Employed By: Axis Advisors, LLC
High School: La Salle Academy
College: University of Rhode Island
Graduate School: Kansas State University, MS - Personal Financial Planning
Business and Personal Affiliations: Holy Ghost Beneficial Brotherhood of Rhode Island; St. Francis Xavier Fundraising Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 3, 1998

Louis P. DiPalma



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First Vice-Chair: Finance; **Member:**
Education

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/20/1961
Married to: Margaret
Children: Kellie; Abigail

General Background

Occupation: Chief Engineer
Employed By: Raytheon Company
High School: Notre Dame Catholic High School
College: University of Bridgeport, BS - Computer Engineering
Graduate School: Brown University, MS - Computer Science
Business and Personal Affiliations: Aquidneck Land Trust; Sakonnet Preservation Society; US Navy League; St. Lucy Church; Board of Trustees-Finance Committee, St. Philomena School; Brown School of Engineering Corporate Advisory Board

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Middletown Town Council, (2004-2008); Co-Chair, Joint Shared Municipal Services Study Commission; Co-Chair, Defense Economy Planning Commission; Co-Chair, Senate DCYF Task Force; Chair, Special Senate Commission to Study the DMV; Chair, Senate Health Literacy Commission; Member, Legislative Commission for Funding of East Bay Bridges; Joint Committee on Healthcare Oversight; Special Senate Task Force on Fisheries; Elected Senator November 4, 2008

James E. Doyle, II



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Walter S. Felag, Jr.



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Chair: Special Legislation and
Veterans' Affairs; Second Vice-
Chair: Finance

Biographical

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Married to: Jaclyn Doyle
Children: James E. Doyle, III; Paige Elliott Doyle

General Background

Occupation: Self-employed
Employed By: Doyle Respiratory
High School: Bishop Feehan High School
College: Providence College, 1994
Business and Personal Affiliations: Democratic City Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 2, 2004

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/15/1954
Married to: Elaine
Children: Jake; Zeke

General Background

Occupation: Senior Computer Software Engineer
Employed By: SEA Corp.
High School: Warren High School, 1972
College: Providence College, BA - Math, 1976; Providence College Accounting Courses, (1977-1978)
Business and Personal Affiliations: Warren Little League; Mechanics Volunteer Fire Co.; St. Joseph's Society; Warren Democratic Town Committee; Save the Bay; Volunteer, Warren

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Warren Town Council, (1978-1999); Town Council President, (1986-1999); Elected Senator November 3, 1998

Paul W. Fogarty



Senate District 23

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Chair: Labor; **Member:** Commerce

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/08/1957

Married to: Nancy C.

Children: Patrick T.; Brenda P.; Daniel J

General Background

Occupation: Master Plumber (Retired)

High School: La Salle Academy, 1974

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: President, Glocester Town Council, (1997-1998); Elected Senator November 3, 1998

Hanna M. Gallo



Senate District 27

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Chair: Education; **Secretary:**
Commerce

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/21/1956

Married to: Russell

Children: Julie; Laura

General Background

Occupation: Speech Language Pathologist

Employed By: Cranston School Department

High School: St. Mary's Visitation, 1974

College: Community College of Rhode Island, 1976;

Community College of Rhode Island, Business, 1981; University
of Rhode Island, BS - Communicative Disorders

Graduate School: University of Rhode Island, MS - Speech
Language, 1997

Business and Personal Affiliations: American Speech Hearing
Association (ASHA); Rhode Island Speech Hearing Association
(RISHA)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Co-Chair, Civic Education
Commission; New England Higher Education Compact; Joint
Legislative Committee to Establish a Permanent Education
Foundation Aid Formula for Rhode Island; Chair, Senate
Commission to Study the Funding of Vocational School;
Member, Commission on Women and Girls; Elected Senator
November 3, 1998

Mark W. Gee



Senate District 35

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Deputy Minority Leader;

Member: Judiciary; Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/14/1942

Married to: Dana Warren Gee

Children: Hope; Griffin; Zing; Christina; Alexander;
Sarah; Annelisa

General Background

Occupation: Businessman (Retired)

High School: Gilman School

College: Washington & Lee University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Fire Commissioner, East Greenwich Fire District, (2008); East Greenwich Town Council, (2010-14); Chair, East Bay School-to-Career Partnership Council; Elected Senator November 4, 2014

Military Service: Lt. US Navy; Vietnam Destroyer Duty; Instructor, Officer Indoctrination School, Newport, RI

SENATE

Gayle L. Goldin



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Vice-Chair: Health and Human

Services; Member: Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 03/21/1971

Married to: Jeff Levy

Children: Jonah; Zack Levy

General Background

Occupation: Campaign Advisor

Employed By: Family Values @ Work

High School: Lakeside High

College: McGill University

Graduate School: Tufts University, MA - Urban and
Environmental Policy and Planning

Business and Personal Affiliations: National Organization for
Women (NOW); National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Member, Commission on
Women and Girls; Elected Senator November 6, 2012

Maryellen Goodwin



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Majority Whip

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/27/1964

General Background

Occupation: Administrator

Employed By: City of Providence Planning Department

High School: St. Patrick High School

College: Rhode Island College

Business and Personal Affiliations: Water Resources Board; Internship Commission; Permanent Advisory Commission on Women; Rhode Island Veterans Home Commission; Board of Directors, Smith Hill Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; Providence 12th Ward Democratic Committee, (1984-1986); Providence Democratic City Committee, (1984-1986); Board of Directors, Capital City Community Center; Chair, Rhode Island Lottery Oversight Commission

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Delegate, Rhode Island Constitutional Convention (1986); Joint Committee on State Lottery; Elected Senator November 4, 1986

Paul V. Jabour



Senate District 05

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**Member: Judiciary; Rules,
Government Ethics and Oversight;
Special Legislation and Veterans'
Affairs**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/21/1956

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Classical High School, 1974

College: University of Rhode Island, BS, 1978; Phi Beta Kappa Graduate

Graduate School: Pierce Law Center, JD, 1981; Boston University School of Law, LL.M., 1982

Business and Personal Affiliations: Former Board of Directors, Federal Hill House; Federal Hill Knights of Columbus, (1985-1990)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Rhode Island State Representative, District 14; Chief of Staff, City of Providence; Public Administrator; Clerk, Providence Probate Court; Elected Senator November 7, 2006

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Environment and Agriculture;
Finance; Rules, Government Ethics
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Biographical

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General Background

Occupation: Manufacturing

Employed By: Narragansett Reproductions

High School: Coventry High School, 2009

College: Rhode Island College, Political Science; History, 2017

Business and Personal Affiliations: Member, Sons of Italy, Vince Lombardi Lodge; Member, Coventry West Greenwich Elks Lodge; Eagle Scout Troop 39 Summit

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 2, 2010

SENATE

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Rules, Government Ethics and
Oversight; Secretary: Labor;
Member: Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/11/1962

Married to: Antonelia

Children: Cassandra; Christina

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Frank S. Lombardi Law Associates, PC

High School: Classical High School, 1980

College: Providence College, 1984

Graduate School: Northeastern University School of Law, 1988

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Soccer Officials; Cranston Historical Society; St. Mary's Feast Society

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Cranston School Committee; Elected Senator November 6, 2012

Frank Lombardo, III



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Labor; **Secretary:** Rules, Government
Ethics and Oversight; **Member:**
Commerce; Housing and Municipal
Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/12/1958

Married to: Patricia

Children: Frank; Victoria

General Background

Occupation: HVAC Contractor

Employed By: Frank Lombardo and Sons, Inc.

High School: Smithfield High School

College: Attended Rhode Island College

Graduate School: RSES Graduate of Refrigeration Service &
Engineering Society

Business and Personal Affiliations: Associated Builders &
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Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November
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Special Legislation and Veterans'
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Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/17/1975

Married to: Joseph A. Prata, Jr.

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Law Office of Erin Lynch Prata, LLC

High School: Tollgate High School, 1993

College: Boston College, BA - History, 1997

Graduate School: Catholic University of America, Columbus
School of Law, JD, 2000

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Joint Committee on
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Majority Leader; Ex-Officio
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Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/18/1963

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Children: Michael; Cailin; Brenna; Dierdre

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: McCaffrey and McCaffrey

High School: Bishop Hendricks High School, 1981

College: Providence College, BS - Accounting, 1985

Graduate School: Suffolk University, JD - Law, 1989

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; Past Grand Knight, Warwick Knights of Columbus

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 8, 1994

SENATE

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Senate President Pro Tempore;
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Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/06/1947

Married to: Dayus L. Metts

Children: 2 sons; 1 daughter; 7 grandchildren

General Background

Occupation: Educator (Teacher, Coach, Administrator) (Retired)

High School: Central High School

College: Roger Williams University, BS - Business Administration; Bryant University, Teacher Certification

Graduate School: Rhode Island College, MEd - Secondary Administration

Business and Personal Affiliations: Supporter of the NAACP; Urban League; Deacon Congdon Street Baptist Church

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: 11th Democratic Ward Committee; State Committeeman; Rhode Island State Representative, (1984-1998); Elected Senator November 2, 2004

Military Service: Rhode Island Army National Guard, (1970-1976)

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Commerce; Special Legislation and
Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/17/1954

Married to: Nancy

Children: Nicholas

General Background

Occupation: Restaurant Owner, Operator

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Hope High School

College: University of Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: Past President, Downtown Merchants Association, (1999-2006); Member, Rhode Island Hospitality and Tourism Association; Board of Directors, Vice Chair for Political Affairs, (1998-2004); Restaurateur of the Year 2000; Board of Directors, Providence/Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau; PWCVB Member of the Year Award 2002; PWCVB Hall of Fame Inductee 2006; Board of Directors, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, (2001-2006); Advisory Comm., Institute for the Study and Practice of Non-violence; Board of Directors, Farm Fresh Rhode Island; Board of Directors, Rhode Island Small Business Advocacy Council; Founding Board Member, Community Boating Center

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected State Senator
November 7, 2006

Biographical

Married to: Edward J. Morgan

Children: 2 children; 1 grandchild

General Background

Occupation: Business Owner

Employed By: Ashaway Dry Cleaning

High School: Tollgate High School

College: University of Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: Member, Hopkinton Historical Society; Parishioner, Our Lady of Victory Church, Ashaway; Former Member, Warwick Chamber of Commerce; Former Member, Providence Chamber of Commerce

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Treasurer, Hopkinton Republican Town Committee; Hopkinton Town Sergeant; Elected Senator November 4, 2014

Donna M. Nesselbush



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Secretary: Housing and Municipal
Government; **Member:** Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/09/1962

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General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Marasco & Nesselbush

High School: Nichols School

College: Brown University, BA

Graduate School: Suffolk University, JD, *Cum Laude*

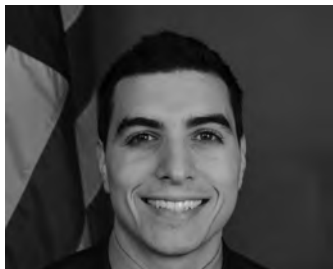
Business and Personal Affiliations: Founding Partner, Law Firm Marasco & Nesselbush; Founder, Chair, Rhode Island Bar Association's Social Security Disability Committee; American and Rhode Island Associations for Justice; Chief Judge, Pawtucket Municipal Court; Vice-President, Municipal Court Judges' Association; Former Executive Director, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Past President, Progreso Latino; Former Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union; Rhode Island Women's Bar Association's Ada Sawyer Award Recipient

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 2, 2010

SENATE

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Municipal Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/23/1991

General Background

Occupation: Personal Trainer

Employed By: YMCA

High School: Mount Saint Charles Academy

College: Dean College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 8, 2016

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Senate District 19

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DEMOCRAT

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Secretary: Finance; **Member:**
Education

Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/30/1988

General Background

Occupation: Financial Services Industry

High School: Cumberland High School

College: American University; Providence College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Cumberland School
Committee; Elected Senator November 6, 2012

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Chair: Commerce; **Member:**
Housing and Municipal
Government

Biographical

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Children: 3

General Background

Occupation: Truant Officer, Social Worker

Employed By: Woonsocket Education Department

High School: Woonsocket High School

College: University of Rhode Island

Graduate School: Rhode Island College

Business and Personal Affiliations: Masons

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: State Representative, (1992-
2008); Elected Senator November 4, 2008

Ana B. Quezada



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Deputy Majority Leader; Member:
Commerce; Education

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/23/1965

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Children: Leslie; Kayomie; Emanuel

General Background

Occupation: Code Enforcement Officer

Employed By: Providence Department of Inspection and Standards

High School: Sleepy Hollow

College: Springfield College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 8, 2016

SENATE

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Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/18/1959

Married to: Donna Marie Raptakis

Children: Alexandra; Nicholas

General Background

Occupation: Owner, Venus Pizza and Food Spirits

Employed By: Venus Pizza and Food Spirits

High School: Coventry High School, 1977

College: Community College of Rhode Island, AA, 1981; Rhode Island College, BA, 1985

Business and Personal Affiliations: AHEPA Chapter 106; Elks BPOE 2285 FOB Lodge 26 Coventry-West Greenwich

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Rhode Island State Representative, (1992-1996); State Senator, (1996-2010, 2013-Present); Elected Senator November 6, 2012

Dominick J. Ruggerio

Senate President



Senate District 04

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Senate President; Ex-Officio
Member of all Senate Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/19/1948

Children: Charles; Amanda

General Background

Occupation: Administrator

Employed By: New England Laborers Labor Management Coop Trust

High School: La Salle Academy, 1966

College: Bryant College; Providence College, BS, 1974

Business and Personal Affiliations: Board of Directors, Wanskuck Library; Sons of Italy, Loggio Vittoria; DaVinci Center Development Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Policy Aide, Office of the Lt. Governor, (1977-1981); State Representative, (1981-1984);

Senate Deputy President Pro Tempore, (1988-1990); Senate Majority Whip, (2003-2010); Elected Senator November 6, 1984

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Secretary: Education; Member:
Health and Human Services

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/14/1981

Married to: Kayla O'Malley Satchell

Children: Morgan

General Background

Occupation: Educator

Employed By: West Warwick Public Schools

High School: West Warwick

College: Merrimack College; St. Patrick's College

Graduate School: Rhode Island College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November 6, 2012

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Secretary: Special Legislation
and Veterans' Affairs; **Member:**
Education; Finance

Biographical

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Married to: Valerie

Children: Sarah; Matthew

General Background

Occupation: Defense Business Development Consultant

Employed By: Rite-Solutions, Inc.

High School: Portsmouth High School

College: Rhode Island College

Graduate School: Naval Postgraduate School; Defense
Acquisition University; Salve Regina University

Business and Personal Affiliations: Military Officers Association
of America; National Contract Management Association;
Portsmouth Democratic Town Committee; Portsmouth Free
Public Library; American Civil Liberties Union; Portsmouth
Portuguese American Citizens Club

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Portsmouth Town Council,
(2004-2016); Portsmouth School Committee, (2000-2004);
Elected Senator November 8, 2016

Military Service: United States Navy, (1976-1998)

SENATE

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Ethics and Oversight; **Secretary:**
Health and Human Services;
Member: Education

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/27/1966

Married to: Meredith

Children: Colin; Liam; Abigail

General Background

Occupation: Educator

Employed By: Warwick School Department

High School: North Kingstown High School, 1984

College: University of Rhode Island, BA, 1988

Graduate School: Catholic University, MA, 1992; Rhode Island
College Teacher Certification, 1985

Business and Personal Affiliations: North Kingstown Democratic
Town Committee; State House Security Commission; Quonset
Development Corporation

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Senator November
7, 2000

V. Susan Sosnowski



Senate District 37
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Agriculture; **Member:** Finance;
Health and Human Services

Biographical

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Married to: Michael Sosnowski

Children: Ronald; Deborah; Stephen; Michael, Jr.; 11 Grand-children

General Background

Occupation: Self-employed Farmer

Employed By: Sosnowski Farms

High School: Chariho Regional High School

College: Attended Ocean State Business Institute; Community College of Rhode Island; University of Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: Richmond Grange; Commission Member, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; South Kingstown Farmers' Market Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Moderator, Richmond Voting District 1, (1984); South Kingstown Planning Board, (1993-1996); Chair, Rhode Island Agricultural Council Advisory Committee to RI DEM, (1995-2002); Governor's Advisory Council on the Environment, (1997); Senatorial District 37 Committee; Elected Senator November 5, 1996

SENATE RESOLUTION 531 (ADOPTED 03/30/2017)

ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 2017 AND 2018

RULES OF THE SENATE

SECTION 1

DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules, the following terms are defined as follows:

1.1 “Bill” shall include any act, resolve, resolution or petition which comes before the senate for consideration.

1.2 “Day” as used in these rules is intended and shall be construed to mean one full legislative day of the same session.

1.3 “Legislative Day” is a period of time which begins when the senate meets after an adjournment and ends when the senate next adjourns. A legislative day is not defined by, or confined to, a calendar day.

1.4 “Public Bill” shall include all bills except: those which pertain to a particular city or town; those which relate to an individual’s pension and retirement; those which pertain to restoration of corporation charters, and to amendments to authorized holdings by nonprofit organizations of a charitable, civic, library or like nature; resolutions memorializing congress, or of congratulations, or expressing sympathy or condolences, and all resolutions requesting the several departments of state government to grant some privilege, consideration or relief.

1.5 “Prime Sponsor” shall be that senator whose signature first appears upon the bill.

1.6 “President Pro Tempore” is a member of the senate elected to that position, who presides over the senate in the absence of the president of the senate.

1.7 “Deputy President Pro Tempore” is a member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, who may preside over the senate in the absence of the president of the senate and the president pro tempore.

1.8 “Reading Clerk” is the person elected to that position under provisions of section 22-3-2 of the general laws who shall, at the direction of the presiding officer, read to the chamber any communication to the senate, resolution, bill or other document and who shall, at the direction of the presiding officer, date the bills and other documents before the senate, date recording thereon the action taken and/or the disposition thereof. The reading clerk also shall, at the direction of the senate, amend any bill and transmit any bill to the house of representatives and perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the president of the senate.

1.9 “Secretary of the Senate” is the person elected to that position under provisions of section 22-3-2 of the general laws who shall, at the direction of the presiding officer, record the proceedings of the senate in a journal, signing said journal as secretary of the senate, and who shall, upon their referral, deliver bills and other documents to their respective committees, hold and maintain in good order any bill assigned to the calendar or the consent calendar, and transmit any bill or document to the governor. The secretary of the senate also shall perform those duties prescribed in other sections hereof and those which may from time to time be prescribed by the president of the senate.

1.10 “The Rise of the Senate” occurs upon the conclusion of senate floor business and the exact time varies by the amount of business to be conducted on a legislative day.

1.11 “The Senate Chamber” or **“Chamber”** shall include the floor, the corridor behind the floor, the cloak room and the senate lounge.

1.12 “Calendar Day” is that period of 24 hours between 12:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.

1.13 “Vote” or **“Majority Vote”** as used herein shall mean a majority of members present and voting unless specifically stated otherwise.

SECTION 2

PRESIDING OFFICER

2.1 Presiding Officer

The president of the senate shall, unless absent from the chamber, be the presiding officer of the sessions of the senate. In the absence of the president from the chair, the president pro tempore shall preside over the senate. The president may appoint a member of the senate to temporarily preside over the senate, but in no event, shall such appointment continue beyond the legislative day on which it is made. In case of a vacancy in the offices of president, president pro tempore and the deputy president pro tempore, or in case all said officers are absent at the hour to which the senate stands adjourned, the reading clerk shall call the senate to order, and shall preside until a president pro tempore is elected, which election shall be the first order of business.

2.2 Duties of the Presiding Officer

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum in and about the senate chamber during the senate session to prevent interference with the senate's business and deliberations. The presiding officer may speak in preference to the senators, shall decide all questions of order without debate and shall declare all votes. The assignment of bills to committee shall be at the discretion of the president of the senate subject to section 4.4; provided, however, that the president of the senate may delegate such authority to the majority leader of the senate.

2.3 Appealing the Ruling of Presiding Officer

Any senator may appeal the ruling of the presiding officer by rising as soon as the ruling is made, even though another has the floor and, without waiting to be recognized by the chair, stating, "I appeal the ruling of the chair," and upon such appeal being seconded, the presiding officer shall immediately and without debate put the question, "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?", which question shall be decided by majority vote of the senators present and voting. Once sustained, the ruling shall not be subject to another appeal on the same point.

SECTION 3

ORDER OF BUSINESS ON THE SENATE FLOOR

3.1 Commencement of Daily Session

The presiding officer shall take the chair at the hour to which the senate shall have convened, call the senators to order, and record attendance by electronic roll call. A quorum shall consist of 20 members. Upon late arrival, at any time prior to the adjournment of the senate, a senator may report his or her presence to the secretary of the senate who shall record the senator's attendance in the journal.

3.2 Reading the Journal

The reading clerk of the senate shall, at the commencement of the session of each legislative day, read the proceedings of the previous legislative day, unless such reading is dispensed with by a majority of the senators present and voting.

3.3 Daily Business

After the reading of the proceedings of the previous legislative day the order of business shall be as follows unless otherwise ordered by the President of the Senate:

- (1) Introduction of guests
- (2) Communications
- (3) Reports of committees
- (4) Introduction and reference of new business
- (5) Unfinished business
- (6) Consideration of house transmittals
- (7) Consent calendar
- (8) Calendar
- (9) Introduction of guests
- (10) Personal privilege

(11) Address of important matters

(12) Daily adjournment

3.4 Final Adjournment

The last order of business of the annual session of the senate shall be the vote in conformity with the resolution of final adjournment or recess which must be carried by a majority vote of the senators present and voting.

3.5 Time for Sessions

Unless otherwise provided for by agreement of president of the senate, the majority leader and minority leader, sessions of the senate shall convene at 4:00 p.m. All sessions must adjourn at or before 11:00 p.m.

SECTION 4

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Form of Bills

Every bill offered which is intended to amend any part or parts of an existing statute, any part or parts intended to be stricken shall be contained in the bill and by appropriate mechanical mark, struck through. All new matter contained in the bill shall be underlined, underscored or printed in italics so that the new matter shall be easily discerned. If the bill contains all new matter constituting a totally new law or a totally new section, and the bill itself so indicates, no underlining, underscoring or italics shall be required. Every bill containing a commission to which appointments shall be made shall be indicated in the title of such bill.

No bill without a body or substantive content shall be introduced at any time, nor shall a substitute bill be accepted which is not consistent with the title and substance of the original bill. All bills introduced on behalf of any general officer, branch, department or division of state government shall state on the face sheet thereof with the title of the general officer or the name of the branch, department or division on whose behalf the bill is introduced.

A prime sponsor may withdraw a bill or resolution previously introduced at any time prior to its consideration by a committee, upon written request to the secretary of the senate.

Other than the prime sponsor of a bill, a senator may elect in writing to the secretary of the senate to have his or her name disassociated from the bill and the secretary of the senate shall immediately notify the committee clerk to which the bill is assigned.

All bills shall be processed through legislative council.

4.2 Explanation of Bills

There shall be attached to each bill a brief explanation thereof and the explanation of such bill shall indicate the proposed changes, and/or the statute or existing law which such bill purports to amend.

4.3 Copies of Bills

Each bill introduced shall be accompanied by not less than eight (8) copies thereof, with said copies delivered by the secretary of the senate to the office of the president of the senate for subsequent distribution as determined by the president of the senate. Nothing in this section shall prevent a senator from obtaining a preliminary draft of legislation for his or her review prior to introduction.

4.4 Filing with Secretary of the Senate

All senators desiring to introduce a bill shall file the bill with the secretary of the senate not later than the time at which the presiding officer calls the senate to order. The secretary of the senate shall transmit to the office of the president of the senate all bills on the legislative day of their introduction. On the day of introduction, the president shall, upon adjournment, assign bills to committee. The secretary of the senate shall cause all bills introduced to be published in the senate journal for that legislative day. Any senator may object to the committee assignment of any bill on the first or second legislative day following the bill's introduction. Upon objection being made, the presiding officer shall assign the bill to the committee requested by the senator making the objection; provided, however, that if another senator objects to any assignment or proposed assignment of the bill, then the presiding officer shall call for a vote of the senate on any motion for assignment which has been made and seconded, such motion requiring a majority vote of those Senators present and voting for assignment to a particular committee.

First reading of all such bills and resolutions shall be by acceptance of the bill and the committee assignment.

4.5 Deadline for Introductions

No public bill shall be introduced in the senate after the second Thursday in February of each session, except with the consent of the President of the Senate. Except as otherwise expressly directed by the president of the senate, all requests for the preparation of public bills shall be submitted to the offices of Legislative Council no later than the close of business on the Friday next preceding the bill-introduction deadline set forth herein.

4.6 Omnibus Claims Against the State

Claims against the state in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less shall not be presented in bill or resolution form, but shall be submitted to the clerk of the joint committee on accounts and claims in writing upon a form approved by the chairperson of the joint committee on accounts and claims. Any claims approved by the joint committee shall be submitted in the form of an omnibus bill which will be placed upon the consent calendar.

4.7 Resolutions of Congratulations and Condolences

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, all resolutions of congratulations or expressing sympathy or condolences except with respect to former and present members of the general assembly, general officers, members of the judiciary and elected state or federal officials, shall be placed on the consent calendar, unless otherwise ordered by the president of the senate. Said resolution of congratulations and condolences shall not require concurrent action; upon passage, shall be forthwith transmitted to the secretary of state, and an appropriate notice of the action of the senate thereon shall be forwarded, as requested in the resolution, by the secretary of state. One formal resolution may include all the expressions of sympathy or congratulations of the several senators.

4.8 Enactment of Laws

The concurrence of the two houses in the same session shall be necessary for the enactment of all bills except for senate resolutions.

4.9 Electronic Availability of Public Bills--Requirements

4.9-1 Public Bills

No public bill shall be considered upon its merits unless it has been electronically available to the members at least two (2) calendar days prior to its consideration on the merits, except any public bill passed by the senate and amended by the house, provided that the amended public bill shall be electronically available to the senators before consideration.

4.9-2 Committee Amendments

Except by majority vote, no public bill amended in a committee of the senate shall be considered upon the senate floor unless it has been electronically available to the senators.

4.9-3 Materially Altered Bills

Whenever a committee shall have determined to report a bill which has been materially altered by the committee, the committee chair shall forthwith provide for printing and electronic reproduction of the same. In the event that a bill is not deemed to have been materially altered, which determination shall be made by the committee chair, a bill shall be printed only upon the request of the president of the senate, the majority leader or the minority leader. Nothing in these rules shall preclude the committee chair, with a majority of the committee, to change an act to a resolution or a resolution to an act on a substitute bill.

4.10 Copies of Bills and Voting Records

The secretary of the senate shall retain in the files of the senate as many copies of each bill as the secretary of the senate deems necessary and the voting records on each question.

4.11 Requests for Funding of Community Service Objectives

Requests for the funding of community service objectives grants shall not be presented in bill or resolution form, but shall be submitted to the senate fiscal advisor in writing upon a form approved by the chairperson of the senate committee on finance.

4.12 Death of a Member

In the event that any member or member-elect shall die after filing and before consideration by committee, the death of said member or member-elect shall constitute automatic withdrawal of said bill or resolution and automatic withdrawal of the number of said bill or resolution and said number shall not be used again during the legislative session; provided, however, that where a bill or resolution shall have had more than one sponsor, said bill or resolution and number shall not be withdrawn and the member whose name appears second on said bill or resolution shall become the prime sponsor.

4.13 Limitation on Number of Bills Introduced

No Senator shall introduce more than twenty-five (25) public bills during the annual session except with the permission of the President of the Senate.

SECTION 5 **COMMITTEES**

5.1 Standing Committees

The senate shall have the following standing committees:

- Committee on Judiciary
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Housing and Municipal Government
- Committee on Labor
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs
- Committee on Health and Human Services
- Committee on Education
- Committee on Commerce
- Committee on Environment and Agriculture
- Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight

5.1-1 Committee on Judiciary

It shall be the duty of the committee on judiciary to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters which affect the penal code, judicial system, ethics, open meetings, access to public records and election laws of the state, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate. In the matters of judicial appointments and those public hearings designated by the committee chair, all testimony shall be under oath and preserved by stenographic record which shall be transcribed upon the order of the chair.

5.1-2 Committee on Finance

It shall be the duty of the committee on finance to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relative to revenue, appropriations and taxes, to inquire into the state of the public debt, to report from time to time its opinion thereon and such propositions relative thereto as it shall deem expedient, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate. The chair of the committee shall be authorized to appoint as many sub-committees as he or she deems necessary, including, but not limited to, a sub-committee on veterans affairs.

5.1-3 Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

It shall be the duty of the committee on housing and municipal government to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters affecting housing, municipal government, transportation, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-4 Committee on Labor

It shall be the duty of the committee on labor to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relating to the workers' compensation and labor laws of the state, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-5 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs

It shall be the duty of the committee on special legislation and veterans' affairs to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relating to constitutional amendments, liquor laws, gaming issues, license plates, veterans' affairs, domestic animals, commissions and resolutions, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-6 Committee on Health and Human Services

It shall be the duty of the committee on health and human services to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and to consider all reports of the departments of health, of human services, of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, of children, youth and families, and of elderly affairs; to consider all legislation and matters expanding or defining further areas of responsibility of the foregoing and to consider all legislation and matters relative to public health and welfare; health care and human service access and quality; health and human service professional standards of practice, and facility standards of care; to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction; and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-7 Committee on Education

It shall be the duty of the committee on education to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relating to student performance, governance, programming, teacher preparation and planning, as well as the work and operation of all state agencies regarding all levels of education, make findings, and recommend policy initiatives and other actions to the general assembly. The commission shall also exercise oversight in relation to the implementation of all legislation and grants of authority relating to all levels of public education in the state by all agencies, state and local, charged and empowered by the general assembly in relating to all levels of public education, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-8 Committee on Commerce

It shall be the duty of the committee on commerce to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relating to financial institutions, business regulation, property and casualty insurance, technology and telecommunications, for profit as well as not-for-profit business entities, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-9 Committee on Environment and Agriculture

It shall be the duty of the committee on environment and agriculture to consider the appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate and all legislation and matters relating to the conservation of the air, land, water, plant, animal, mineral and other natural resources of the state, and to adopt all means necessary and proper by law to protect the natural environment of the people of the state by providing adequate resource planning for the control and regulation of the use of the natural resources of the state and for the preservation, regeneration, and restoration of the natural environment of the state, to maintain oversight over the application, execution and operation of the laws within its jurisdiction and to consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the senate.

5.1-10 Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight

It shall be the duty of the committee on rules, government ethics and oversight consider the

appointments of the governor referred to it by the senate which require the advice and consent of the senate, and (1) Consider all matters relating to the rules of the senate; (2) to ensure that the members of the Senate and its staff, through education, monitoring and disseminating the opinions of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission, adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, respect the public trust and the rights of all persons, be open, accountable and responsive, avoid the appearance of impropriety, and not use their position for private gain or advantage; (3) to monitor and evaluate past, current and prospective performance of public bodies and statutory entities, including quasi-public agencies that exercise executive governmental functions (except public bodies and statutory entities of the legislative and judiciary branches of the state) and any other public or private person, including any agencies, partnerships, corporation or business entity insofar as such person is acting on behalf of and/or in place of any public agency; (4) to consider the organization, reorganization, creation or termination of such public bodies, statutory entities, including quasi-public agencies and public or private persons; (5) to review and consider the reports of the auditor general; (6) to report its opinion and/or recommendation of legislation or action regarding the foregoing matters; (7) to consider any bill referred to it by the senate, including, but not limited to any act, resolve, resolution or petition; and (8) to consider such other matters that are referred to it by the senate.

5.2 Committee Membership

Each of the standing committees of the senate shall consist of the president of the senate, ex officio with voting rights, and the majority and minority leaders of the senate, ex officio, with voting rights, and senators appointed by the president of the senate, each to serve until January 1, 2019. Provided, however, that the president of the senate may change the committee assignment of a member with the member's consent; and provided further, however, that each senator other than the president and the majority and minority leaders, shall serve as a member of one of the following standing committees: committee on health and human services; committee on commerce; committee on finance; committee on the judiciary. In addition to the committees appointed by the president of the senate, the majority and minority whips of the senate shall serve ex officio, with voting rights on all standing committees of the senate.

5.3 Vacancies on Committees

All vacancies occurring in any committee of the senate shall be filled by the president of the senate.

5.4 Officers of Committees

The president of the senate shall appoint from the membership of each committee a chair, vice chair and secretary and such other committee officers as the president of the senate deems appropriate.

5.5 Select Committees

The senate may, from time to time, by resolution, provide for the establishment of select committees upon such subjects as it may deem proper, and upon the adoption of such resolution, the president of the senate shall appoint the chair and members thereof, and shall provide for minority party representation. Any committee created pursuant to this rule shall be deemed a standing committee for all purposes of law, including the applicability of section 22-6-2.1 of the general laws.

5.6 Referral to Committee

No bill shall be considered or acted upon by the senate unless the same has been considered by, reported, or recalled from a committee thereof, or from a joint committee, except as otherwise provided in these rules. All acts seeking to vacate the forfeiture of a charter previously granted under the laws of this state shall not be referred to committee but rather directly assigned to the calendar.

5.7 Committees of Conference

There shall be appointed from time to time committees of conference to which are referred matters of difference with the house with respect to bills or resolutions. Such committees shall be appointed by the speaker and the president of the senate, and shall be comprised of five (5) members from the house and five (5) members from the senate. At least one (1) member in each chamber shall be a member of the minority party. When possible, one (1) member shall be the prime sponsor of the bill or resolution being considered before the committee of conference and one (1) member shall be from the committee that shall have considered the bill or resolution. The committee may propose any changes within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including changes, taken by committee shall be by a majority vote of the members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report shall be made to both chambers at the same time. Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject the report. A vote by

either chamber to accept the report of the committee shall be the final action by that chamber on the bill or resolution. If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee, the bill is passed or the resolution adopted as of the time the last chamber votes to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report of the committee, the bill or resolution is defeated and the second chamber shall not be required to consider the committee report. The report of the committee may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be amended. The committee report shall contain the following information: the bill number and title, the members of the committee, the action of the committee, and the signature of the members of the committee accepting or rejecting the report.

The conferees shall confine themselves to the differences which exist within bills or resolutions between the house and senate. The presentation of reports of committees of conference shall be in order after having been signed by most the members of the committee of each chamber. Consideration of a report of a committee of conference by the senate shall be in order when it has been made electronically available to all members and listed on the calendar for the required period according to these rules.

SECTION 6 **PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE**

6.1 Time for Committee Meetings

The president of the senate, in consultation with the chairs, shall establish regular calendar days and times for the meetings of all standing committees. The committee chair may call such other meetings as may be required to conduct the business of the committee.

6.2 Committee Agenda – Posting

At least forty-eight (48) hours before any standing committee meeting, a committee agenda containing the number, title and a short explanation of each bill to be considered will be placed on the official general assembly website, as well as on a bulletin board of which shall be for the public's use and shall be situated at the main entrance to the state library.

The rule shall not apply to bills previously passed by the senate and amended by the house.

6.3 Convening of Meeting

The chair of the committee or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair, shall call all regular sessions of the committee, set agenda and proceed with the order of business.

6.4 Public Participation

6.4-1 Open Meetings

Every standing committee meeting, except executive sessions, shall be open to the public during the consideration of all matters coming before it. At such open meetings, person's other than members of the committee may testify at the discretion of the committee chair.

6.4-2 Executive Sessions

Any standing committee may be called into executive session by the chair or upon motion of one of the committee members if the matter under consideration is deemed by the chair to comply with those provisions of the "Open Meetings" law (chapter 42-46) which provides for closed meetings; provided, however, when the chair of any standing committee calls the committee into executive session, the majority of those members present in the executive session may vote not to meet in executive session after having heard the reasons for such executive session but no other votes shall be permitted in executive sessions. The chair of the committee which may be called into executive session shall provide a general description to the public of the reason for calling such committee into executive session.

6.4-3 Public Hearings

In the discretion of the chair, public hearings may be advertised in newspapers, stenographic records kept and hearings held at locations other than the state house. The purpose of the public hearing shall be to solicit the comments of the public on the matter being considered. At the public hearing all persons shall be permitted to testify; provided, however, the committee chair may limit the amount of time allotted to speakers except that the prime sponsor shall not have a time limit to speak and shall upon request be the first speaker at the hearing. After the public hearing has been held for a reasonable period and if there are still persons wishing to speak, the committee chair may continue the hearing until another date.

6.5 Hearing and Consideration of Bills

Upon a written request by the prime sponsor of any public bill received by the secretary of the senate before the closing of the next legislative day after the deadline for introduction as specified in section 4.5 that a committee hearing be held with respect to such bill, the committee chair shall schedule a committee hearing within eight (8) legislative days of such request unless a later date is agreed to by the prime sponsor. "Received" as used herein shall mean receipt in hand by the secretary of the senate or his or her designee. The secretary shall note the date and time of receipt on the request and such notation shall be dispositive. On the same day, the sponsor shall hand deliver copies of the request to the president of the senate and to the committee chair or their designees. The committee shall consider said bill not more than eight (8) legislative days after the committee hearing, unless a later date is agreed to by the prime sponsor. If the committee does not consider the bill then the committee shall be discharged of its responsibility to consider such bill and such bill shall be placed on the senate calendar pursuant to section 7.6 hereof. Consideration by a committee shall mean any one of the following actions: recommendation of passage, recommendation of passage as amended, transfer to another committee, indefinite postponement, hold for further study or defeat of the bill. Provided further, the minority leader may request in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the deadline for introductions specified in section 4.5 a hearing on any senate bill in committee. In the event a request is made pursuant to this rule at a time less than sixteen (16) days before the deadline for committee consideration set forth in section 6.9, then such request shall not be proper and shall be automatically denied.

6.6 Quorum

A committee shall not vote upon any bill in the absence of a quorum which shall consist of a majority of the committee's members; provided, however, that at the discretion of the chair, less than a quorum may conduct any hearing including public hearings.

6.7 Minority Representation

When there is no minority member present and the committee is to consider a bill, the committee chair shall notify the office of the minority leader. Unless waived by the minority leader, the committee shall not conduct business for a reasonable time not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes or until a minority member of the committee is present. Once a minority member is present, his or her subsequent absence will not require further notice to the minority leader. For purposes of this rule, an independent senator shall be considered to be a minority member.

6.8 Committee Votes

All votes in committee on public bills shall be a recorded roll call vote. The vote upon all motions or bills not considered a "public bill" shall, upon the request of any member of the committee, be a recorded roll call vote. Otherwise all votes shall be put by yeas and nays. Committee chairs shall submit all bills approved by committee to the floor forthwith, with a record of the committee vote.

6.9 Deadline for Consideration

After the Thursday preceding the spring recess week of each session, committees shall consider only those public bills which have been acted upon and transmitted to the senate by the house of representatives; provided, however, that the president of the senate may request a senate committee to immediately consider a senate bill then in committee and said bill shall be considered by the committee.

6.10 Discharge from Committee

No bill shall be taken or called from any such committee, or the committee discharged from the consideration thereof, except: Any senator may present a petition, in writing, to discharge a committee from further consideration of a bill which has been in the possession of the committee for thirty (30) legislative days without having been considered, but only one petition on a particular bill may be presented during the course of a session. Prior to presenting the petition, the senator must introduce a resolution of intent to discharge such committee. Such resolution of intent shall contain the bill number and the committee to be discharged. The presiding officer shall cause the resolution of intent to be printed in the journal of the senate. The petition shall be placed in the custody of the presiding officer who shall arrange some convenient place for the signatures of the senators to be placed thereon in the presence of the reading clerk during the hours in which the senate is in session. A signature may be withdrawn by a senator at any time before the petition shall become effective.

On the first day of each week, there shall be printed in the journal of the senate the petitions pending under these rules, together with the signatures thereto; provided, however, that as soon as a majority of all the senators elected to the senate shall have affixed their signatures to any such petition to discharge a committee under this rule, the presiding officer shall cause notice thereof to be given to chair and clerk of the committee to which such bill was referred, and such notice shall, thereupon, automatically discharge the committee from further consideration of the bill and the bill shall be placed upon the calendar in accordance with section 7.6 hereof.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to change the deadline for consideration as specified in section 6.9.

6.11 Compelling Committee Action

If a committee to which a bill has been referred fails to consider such bill within sixteen (16) legislative days of its referral, the prime sponsor of such bill, or a majority of the appointed members, but not less than four (4) committee members, may, in writing, request the chair of the committee, through the presiding officer of the senate, that such bill be considered. The request shall be printed in the journal of the senate. The committee shall consider such bill at its first meeting held at least three (3) legislative days after such request is made. If the committee does not consider the bill within nine (9) legislative days of receipt of the request then the committee shall be discharged of its responsibility to consider such bill and such bill shall be placed on the senate calendar pursuant to section 7.6 hereof. Consideration by a committee shall be interpreted to mean any one of the following actions: recommendation of passage, recommendation of passage as amended, transfer to another committee, indefinite postponement, hold for further study or defeat of the bill. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to change the deadline for consideration as specified in section 6.9.

6.12 Defeat of a Bill

Once a bill is defeated in committee, the same shall not be acted upon or considered again during the same legislative year.

6.13 Indefinite Postponement

Whenever any bill is postponed indefinitely in committee, the same shall not be acted upon or considered again during the same legislative year.

6.14 Transfer of Bills

In the event the chair of any standing committee determines that any bill then pending before the committee would more properly be pending before another standing committee of the senate, the chair shall transfer such bill to such other standing committee as is deemed appropriate during the reports of committees.

6.15 Committee Records

All recorded votes of committees, all written testimony submitted to a committee, and the transcripts of any recorded testimony shall be retained by the clerk of each committee, shall constitute public records, and shall be available for inspection to any senator and to any person upon request. All committee votes, transcripts and testimony shall be transmitted to the secretary of state pursuant to state law and senate policy following final adjournment in even numbered years.

6.16 Attribution of Bills

Upon presentation of testimony before a committee, the prime sponsor of the bill shall provide to the committee the name of any individual, group or organization responsible for the substantive basis or text of the bill.

SECTION 7 PROCEEDINGS ON THE SENATE FLOOR

7.1 Right to the Floor

No senator shall address another except through the presiding officer. A senator shall rise to put a question, may state it or read a paper sitting. When any senator wishes to speak or to deliver any matter to the senate, the senator shall press his or her recognition control and the presiding officer shall recognize the senator who so requests recognition and the order of recognition shall be determined

by the presiding officer. The senator so recognized shall not be interrupted while speaking except by a call to order or a motion to suspend section 3.5. The senator shall then immediately be seated unless permitted by the senate to proceed, which shall be determined upon motion without debate. No senator shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the senate which shall be determined without debate, nor more than once until the other senators who have not spoken shall speak if they so desire, provided, however that a senator may yield his or her right to the floor to another senator.

7.2 Personal Privilege

Only at the time provided for in section 3.3, a senator may claim the floor to address the senate on personal privilege. Personal privilege shall include the right to reply to criticism, or to discuss anything clearly derogatory to the member or which reflects upon his or her character that appears in the press or other public medium but shall not include the right to discuss favorable references to the senator, nor to reply to generalized criticism of the senate which does not refer to him or to her specifically, nor to attack another member of the senate personally. Whether a member's remarks constitute personal privilege shall be determined by the presiding officer.

7.3 Addressing the Senate on Important Matters

Only at the time provided for in section 3.3, a senator may request unanimous consent of the senators present to address the senate on a topic or matter of importance to the welfare of the state. A senator granted the right to so address the senate may be interrupted at any time by another senator who wishes to object to the first senator's right to continue to address the senate and upon such objection the first senator's right to address the senate shall terminate.

7.4 Objectionable Language

No senator shall use profane, insulting, or abusive language or act in any manner that is disruptive to the course of public debate on the senate floor, or in testimony before any committee of the general assembly.

7.5 Priority of Business

All questions relating to priority of business to be acted upon shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate.

7.6 Calendar

There shall be a calendar kept by the secretary of the senate upon which shall be placed the bills reported by all committees, and all other matters ordered placed thereon by the senate.

Matters on the calendar shall be arranged by the secretary of the senate in numerical order by committee unless otherwise ordered by the president of the senate in agreement with the majority leader and the minority leader. Such calendar shall be electronically available to all members of the senate. Except as provided in section 7.13, and during consideration of the calendar, no other business shall intervene except to receive a communication from the house or a motion to suspend section 3.5.

All business on the calendar not disposed of at the time of adjournment shall be first in order on the calendar the next day. No matter of business on the calendar shall be considered upon its merits unless it has been on such calendar for at least two (2) calendar days; except that the president of the senate may order a bill placed on the calendar for less than two (2) calendar days; provided, however, a bill passed by the senate and amended by the house of representatives may be considered by the senate without being on the calendar for two (2) calendar days if the requirements of section 4.9-1 have been met.

7.7 Consent Calendar

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7.6, the secretary of the senate shall also maintain a separate calendar, designated as the consent calendar, upon which shall be placed resolutions required by section 4.7, acts seeking to vacate the forfeiture of a corporate charter and such other bills as directed by the president of the senate. Matters on the consent calendar shall be in order for disposal on each day and shall include all such matters reported or referred thereto from the previous day. Such consent calendar shall be posted in the chamber of the senate. All matters on the consent calendar shall be disposed by roll call vote on a single motion except such matters as may be objected to by any single senator, which said matter or matters shall be held over on the regular calendar for the next legislative day.

7.8 Reports of Joint Committees

No bill reported by or forwarded on the recommendation of a joint committee of the two houses shall be for concurrence by the senate if it shall appear that the members of such joint committee on the part of the senate, if in attendance on the general assembly, shall not have been notified or present when the subject was acted on by such joint committee. No report shall be acted on in the senate from any joint committee unless as subscribed by a senator who is a member of said committee. Any report from a joint committee shall be made on the floor of the senate by a member of said committee, notwithstanding that said member may not have concurred in the report and said report shall be held on the desk unless ordered placed on the calendar pursuant to section 7.6 by the president of the senate or by a majority vote of the senate.

7.9 Messages from the House

When a message is received from the house of representatives, transmitting any papers, the secretary of the senate shall transmit to the office of the president of the senate all house transmittals received on that day. The president of the senate shall assign house transmittals to committees upon adjournment of the senate. The secretary of the senate shall cause all house transmittals to be published in the senate journal for the day such transmittals are received. Any senator may object to the committee assignment for any transmittal received during the previous legislative day. Upon objection being made, the presiding officer shall assign the transmittal to the committee requested by the senator making the objection, provided, however, that if another senator objects to any assignment or proposed assignment of the transmittal, then the presiding officer shall call for a vote of the senate on any motion for assignment which has been made and seconded, such motion requiring a majority vote of those senators present and voting for assignment to a committee.

During the time for consideration of house transmittals, a senator may move for immediate consideration of a house transmittal, received by the secretary of the senate on the previous legislative day. If there is no objection to the motion, it is deemed to be approved, but if there is objection to the motion for immediate consideration, the presiding officer shall submit the motion to a vote of the senate, such motion for immediate consideration shall require the votes of two-thirds (2/3) of those senators present and voting, for approval.

7.10 Amendments

No senator may amend from the floor any bill pending before the senate unless such amendment be submitted, electronically or in writing, with sufficient copies signed by the proponent, and read to the body; provided, however, that no amendment to the annual budget bill making appropriations for the support of the state may be offered, except with the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, unless copies thereof shall have been filed with the secretary of the senate no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on the legislative day preceding the legislative day on which the budget bill shall be in order for consideration: provided however that with majority consent a senator may make an oral amendment of a technical or minor nature.

7.11 Votes in Concurrence

Whenever any bill shall come before the senate for concurrence, and the senate concurs without amendments, or fails to concur, the secretary of the senate may announce the concurrence or nonconcurrence to the other house, but the original bill received by the senate shall not be transmitted to the other house.

7.12 Motions

No motion shall be debated until it has been seconded. For the purpose of recorded votes only the first second shall be recorded. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or a motion to amend, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn after the time has elapsed within which it could be originally made.

7.13 Interruption of Debate

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to suspend section 3.5, to adjourn, to recommit, for the previous question, to close debate, to fix a time for closing debate, to take a recess, to lay on the table, to take from the table, to transmit, to postpone indefinitely, to change calendar arrangement, or to amend, and any motion or resolution the purpose of which is to take any bill or any other matter from committees of the senate or to discharge a committee from the

consideration thereof, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged and shall be decided by majority vote without debate; provided further that a motion to recommit as to any bill which is placed on the senate calendar may be voted by yeas and nays; however, if the prime sponsor timely objects, the motion shall be voted on by electronic roll of the senate.

7.14 Adjournment

When time for meeting of the senate shall have been previously fixed, a motion to adjourn and a motion to suspend section 3.5 shall always be in order. The senate shall not be adjourned except by affirmative vote of a majority of the senators present and voting.

7.15 Lay on the Table

When an amendment proposed to any pending measure be laid on the table, it shall not carry with it, or prejudice such measure.

7.16 Dividing Questions

A question that is susceptible of division shall, at the request of the majority, be divided and put separately upon the propositions of which it is compounded.

7.17 Non-Germane Amendments

No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

7.18 Motion for Reconsideration

A senator on the prevailing side of any vote may, on the same legislative day, move to reconsider the vote on the same or following legislative day. When a bill has been reconsidered it shall not be reconsidered again during the session. Bills and other papers in reference to which a motion to reconsider is pending shall, unless otherwise ordered, remain in the possession of the secretary of the senate until the right of reconsideration has expired. The privilege to reconsider granted by this rule may be suspended by a majority vote of the senators present and voting.

7.19 Printed Material

If the reading of any printed or written paper be objected to, the matter shall be determined by a majority vote of the senate without debate.

7.20 Recommittal

No motion to recommit shall be entertained by the presiding officer as to any bill which is placed on the calendar as the result of section 6.10 until every senator desiring to be heard has been recognized, notwithstanding the provisions of section 7.13.

7.21 Immediate Consideration

During the time for introduction and reference of new business, as provided in section 3.3, a senator may introduce a bill and move for immediate consideration of the bill at that time. If there is no objection to the motion, for immediate consideration it is deemed to be approved, but if there is objection to the motion for immediate consideration, the presiding officer shall submit the motion to a vote of the senate; such motion for immediate consideration shall require the votes of two-thirds (2/3) of those senators present and voting, for approval. If the bill is not available electronically to all members of the senate at the time of the request for immediate consideration, then a hard copy of the bill shall be made available to any senator upon request.

7.22 Questions During Debate

A senator, while speaking after recognition by the chair, may, upon request of a senator, yield to him or her temporarily without thereby relinquishing his or her prior right to the floor and, thereafter, may terminate such interruption and resume speaking at any time; provided, however, that it shall not be in order for a senator to rise and request that a senator, other than the one with the right to the floor, yield to a question. Furthermore, it shall not be in order for a senator, with the right to the floor, to ask another senator to yield to a question, unless such senator has previously spoken during the debate on the matter. All questions and responses shall be directed through the chair and the presiding officer shall not be interrupted when speaking.

SECTION 8

VOTING ON THE SENATE FLOOR

8.1 Method of Voting

The electronic roll call of the senate shall be called on any vote pertaining to a public bill, on passage of the consent calendar and on any other vote at the request of any senator present; otherwise, votes shall be put by yeas and nays. In naming sums or numbers, and fixing times, the largest sum or longest time shall be put first.

8.2 Voting Machine Inoperative

In the event the machine is not to be used to record a vote or is not operating properly, all votes and other determinations may be taken as required by senate rules, either by voice vote, division vote or by calling the roll alphabetically and recording the yeas and nays. If a senator's voting device is out of order, the senator shall rise and announce it to the presiding officer and cast his or her vote orally prior to the declaration of the result of the vote.

8.3 Who May Vote

Any member who is present on the senate floor must vote. Any senator who is not on the floor at such time, but who returns before the machine is locked, shall be permitted to vote. Without objection or with a majority vote, a senator may be permitted to cast a vote after the results have been announced, provided however such request shall be made on the same calendar day and, only if the vote if so permitted, will not change the result previously announced.

8.4 Control of Electronic Voting System

The electronic voting system shall be under the control of the presiding officer and shall be operated by such personnel as the president of the senate so designates.

8.5 Conducting a Vote

At a reasonable time prior to any vote being taken, the presiding officer shall announce that a vote is about to be taken. When any senator other than the president of the senate is presiding, such senator may direct either the Secretary of the Senate or the reading clerk to cast his or her vote at his or her voting station, but at no other time may a senator designate any other person to cast his or her vote. Until the completion of the voting, no senator shall be recognized, and no other business shall be transacted. When sufficient time has elapsed for each senator to vote prior to locking the machine, the presiding officer shall ask if any member present desires to vote or change his or her vote. The presiding officer shall then order the machine locked and activate the recording process. The voting machine shall remain locked between all votes.

8.6 Announcing the Tally

When the vote is completely recorded, the Secretary of the Senate shall advise the presiding officer of the result; and the presiding officer shall announce the result to the senate and the result shall be recorded in the journal.

8.7 Changing a Vote

No vote may be changed after the system has been locked and the vote recorded except that, after a vote has been recorded, any senator may, by a majority vote of the senate, be permitted to change his or her vote, provided that such change be effected on the same calendar day as his or her original vote.

8.8 Recording Votes

8.8-1 On any recorded vote, no senator shall be recorded as having voted unless he or she has been recorded or recognized as being present prior to the conduct of said vote.

8.8-2 Upon request, on any non-recorded vote, any senator shall have his or her vote recorded so that it shall appear in the journal of the senate.

8.9 Voting for Another

No senator may vote for another senator; nor may any person cast a vote for a senator, except as otherwise provided in section 8.5. A senator who voted for another senator may be punished in a manner the senate determines. A person voting for a senator, when not authorized by section 8.5, is barred from the floor of the senate and may be further punished as the senate determines.

8.10 Explanation of Vote

No explanation of any vote will be permitted during the voting or after a vote has been cast.

8.11 Statement of the Question

After the question has been put, but before the system is locked, any senator may call for a statement of the question.

8.12 No Interruption

While the presiding officer is putting the question, or the vote is being recorded, no senator shall speak or leave his or her place.

SECTION 9

PROCEEDINGS ON NOMINATIONS

9.1 Scope

The senate's exercise of its constitutional obligation to give advice and consent to executive appointees shall be governed solely and exclusively by these rules.

9.2 Delivery

Nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate, or his or her designee, at the Office of the Secretary for presentation to the Senate.

9.3 Presentation to the Senate

When a nomination shall be presented to the Senate for advice and consent, it shall, unless otherwise ordered, be referred to the appropriate committee or committees and a copy of the nomination shall be delivered to the senator within whose district the nominee resides. Except as set forth herein, nominations shall follow the same course and be subject to the same procedures as bills introduced pursuant to Rules of the Senate.

9.4 Questions Presented

The final question on every nomination shall be, "Will the Senate advise and consent to this nomination?" which question shall not be put on the same legislative day on which the nomination is received, nor on the legislative day on which it may be reported by a committee. Provided, however, that this provision may be waived by vote of a majority of the Senate.

9.5 Effect of Non-action

Nominations neither confirmed nor rejected during the annual session at which they are made shall not be acted upon at any succeeding session unless renewed by the appointing authority; and if the Senate shall adjourn or be in recess for a period more than thirty (30) days, all nominations pending and not finally acted upon at the time of such adjournment or recess shall be returned by the Secretary of the Senate to the appointing authority, and shall not again be considered unless the nomination shall again be made and delivered to the Senate by the appointing authority.

9.6 Withdrawal of Nominations

Nominations may be withdrawn by the appointing authority at any time prior to final action thereon by the Senate.

SECTION 10

MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Legislative Aides

The president of the senate may appoint and prescribe the duties and terms of a parliamentarian and one head page and as many assistant pages, doorkeepers and legislative aides as the president of the senate shall deem necessary; and any or all of them may be removed at the pleasure of the president of the senate.

10.2 Absence of a Quorum

When there shall be seven (7) or more senators, but less than a quorum of the senate present, a majority of the senators present may direct the presiding officer to compel the attendance of absent senators in accordance with law.

10.3 Amendment and Suspension of Rules

No rule shall be repealed, suspended or amended, or the operation thereof temporarily suspended except by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

10.4 Access to the Senate Chamber

10.4-1 Access During Senate Session

Ten minutes prior to the time the senate is scheduled to convene, the secretary of the senate shall clear the senate chamber of all persons other than members of the general assembly, general assembly staff, guests of a senator, and authorized representatives of the news media. From this time to the adjournment or recess of said session no persons other than those listed above shall be admitted to the senate chamber except with permission from the senate president.

10.4-2 Senators' Seats

The seat of each senator shall be assigned by the president of the senate, and in no event shall any other person be permitted to occupy such assigned seat.

10.4-3 Sheriff's Duties

It shall be the duty of the sheriff, or the sheriff's deputies in attendance in the senate, or in their absence, a member of the capitol police department, to see that sections 10.4-1, 10.4-2, 10.4-3, 10.4-4 and 10.4-9 are enforced, and that all senate entrances and exits are kept completely clear and open to passage to and from the chamber.

10.4-4 Gallery

When the normal seating accommodations for visitors in the gallery have been filled, no additional seats shall be installed, and no persons shall be thereafter admitted to the gallery of the senate while in session except to fill vacancies.

10.5 Confidentiality of Drafting

At the request of any senator or senate attorney to the director of the legislative council, an entry into the word processing system may be made confidential so that the entry shall be accessible only to the senator or senate attorney making such request or his or her designee. An entry may be a bill, letter, memorandum or any other document.

10.6 Misuse of Rules

If it appears that the rules are being used as a tactic to impede senate business, the presiding officer may make a decision to that effect and put the matter before the senate and a majority vote of the senators present shall sustain with finality the ruling of the presiding officer.

10.7 Extraordinary and Special Session

In the event of the calling of an extraordinary session of the general assembly by the governor, or a reconvened session by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, said session shall be conducted pursuant to these rules; provided, however, that sections 4.9-1, 6.2, 7.6 and 7.8 are not applicable to any such session; and, provided further, that any bill, act or resolution for consideration of which the session is called shall have been provided to the members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the consideration of the senate.

10.8 Robert's Rules

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern procedure on the senate floor and in the committees of the senate in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or with any joint rules of the senate and house.

10.9 Use of Facilities

The senate locker room, lounge and corridor adjacent to them shall be for the exclusive use of the senators and their guests.

10.10 Decorum

No senator shall use profane, insulting or abusive language or act in any manner that interferes with the orderly conduct of the session of the senate.

10.11 Smoking Prohibited

Smoking shall be prohibited in all senate areas including, but not limited to: the chamber, gallery, lounge, committee rooms, offices, restrooms or hallways. The presiding officer shall enforce this rule.

10.12 Consumption of Food and Alcoholic Beverages

The consumption of food and alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited on the senate floor. Except at the specific request of a member, all beverages consumed on the floor shall be in paper or plastic cups.

10.13 Appropriate Attire Required

All persons on the floor of the senate while the senate is in session shall be properly dressed, and the presiding officer shall enforce this rule by appropriate means.

10.14 Electronic Devices

During sessions cell phones shall not be used on the floor of the senate or in committee hearing rooms when committee meetings are in session.

10.15 Photographic Equipment

During sessions, photographic equipment shall not be used on the floor of the senate or in committee hearing rooms when committee meetings are in session unless he or she has the permission of the president of the senate or the senate committee chair. This section shall not apply to properly credentialed representatives of the news media.

10.16 Display of Posters, Signs, and Banners on the Floor

No placard, sign, poster, banner, chart or other visual aid of similar nature shall be displayed on the floor of the Senate or used in debate at any time when the Senate is in session without the consent of the presiding officer. Any decision of the presiding officer under this rule may be appealed to the body.

10.17 Display of Posters, Signs, and Banners Prohibited in the Gallery

No placard, sign, poster, banner, chart or visual aid of similar nature shall be displayed in the gallery at any time when the Senate is in session. The presiding officer shall order any such object so displayed to be removed.

10.18 Official Notice

Except as otherwise provided in these rules, notice to a member transmitted from the Office of the President through the Rhode Island General Assembly email system to the rilegislature.gov email address assigned to the member shall constitute official written notice to the member as of the date and time of the transmission. It is the responsibility of the members to monitor their rilegislature.gov email address on a regular basis, or to have email messages forwarded to an address which is monitored on a regular basis. Alternatively, a member may elect to receive such notice directly at an email address other than the member's rilegislature.gov email address by executing a form available in the Office of the President. Once designated, transmissions to the alternate email address shall constitute written notice to the member as of the date and time of the transmission and will continue to be such until the Office of the President is notified of a different address.

10.19 Continuing Ethics Education

All state senators and senate employees shall annually participate in a continuing education program presented by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on the Rhode Island Code of Ethics and related laws.

SECTION 11 **TRANSPARENCY**

11.1 Policy

It is declared to be the policy of the senate that to the maximum extent possible senate votes on public bills and proceedings on the floor and in committee shall be recorded, or video screened and published on the general assembly website and/or broadcast on capitol television.

11.2 Publication of Committee Votes

To the extent possible, committee votes shall be published on the general assembly website prior to the floor vote on the bill; provided however, that failure of a committee vote to appear on the website prior to the floor vote shall not be grounds for objection to consideration of the bill on the floor.

11.3 Televising or Otherwise Recording Committee Hearing

To the extent possible, committee hearings shall be video recorded and broadcast to the public on capitol television.

11.4 Publication of Votes

All votes on public bills recorded electronically or by roll call shall be placed forthwith on the general assembly website.

11.5 Publication of the Senate Rules

The senate rules together with an index thereof shall be published on the general assembly website.

11.6 Authorization and Direction

The president of the senate and the senate staff are authorized and directed to take such reasonable and prudent action as may be necessary to carry out the policies and directives set forth in this section.

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Speaker; Ex-Officio Member of all House Committees

Biographical

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Children: Nicholas A. Mattiello, Jr.; Anthony J. Mattiello

General Background

High School: La Salle Academy
College: Boston College, BS
Graduate School: Suffolk University School of Law, JD
Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; Immaculate Conception Church; St. Mary's Feast Society; Oaklawn Grange

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 7, 2006

Description

The Speaker oversees the proceedings in the House and ensures that the chamber is run according to the rules adopted by the members.

Major Responsibilities

Takes the rostrum each day and calls the House of Representatives to order. Decides on all questions of order subject to appeal in the House. Propounds all questions in the order in which they are moved, rises to put all votes, and declares all votes.

Additional Information

The Speaker, as an elected representative, may vote on all questions. While generally a member of the majority party, any member may be elected to this position. The Speaker serves as an Ex-Officio member of all standing committees.

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Biographical

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General Background

High School: Mount Saint Charles Academy

College: Suffolk University

Graduate School: Suffolk University Law School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative

November 6, 2012

Prior Government Offices: CRMC; Rhode Island Dealer's Hearing Board; Judicial Tenure and Discipline

Description

The Majority Leader is elected by the membership of the majority party.

Major Responsibilities

Presides over all caucuses and conferences of the majority party. Works with the Speaker and Minority Leader to establish a consent calendar of bills and resolutions. Proposes consent calendar to the House in the form of a motion to move the consent calendar. The Majority Leader is an Ex-Officio member of all standing committees.

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Member of all House Committees;
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Biographical

Children: Bernie; Stephen; Brian

General Background

High School: Northwest High School

College: Kent State University, Honors College, BA, *Summa Cum Laude*

Graduate School: Mississippi State University; Rhode Island College, Masters in Education; Providence College, Principal's Certificate

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Chapter, National Federation of Republican Women; ASANE; RIGOP/WWGOP; Rhode Island Section American Society for Quality

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: West Warwick Zoning Board; Royal Mills/Riverwalk Restoration Committee; West Warwick Comprehensive Plan Committee; Elected Representative November 2, 2010; Elected Minority Leader November, 2016

Description

The Minority Leader is elected by the members of the minority party and presides over the caucus meetings.

Major Responsibilities

Represents minority party interest on the House floor. Works with the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader to ensure the proper proceedings of the House in accordance with the rules. Manages the House Minority office and oversees a staff responsible for attending to the legislative agenda and constituent services of the minority caucus and its members.

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General Background

Occupation: US Army (Retired)
High School: Dunbar High School
College: Stephen F. Austin State University
Graduate School: University of Rhode Island, MBA
Business and Personal Affiliations: Omega Psi Phi Inc. Fraternity

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Newport Zoning Board of Review; Elected Representative November 6, 2012
Military Service: US Army Major (Retired)

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Biographical

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Children: Samuel; Elicia

General Background

Occupation: Real Estate Title Examiner
Employed By: Self-employed
High School: Wellington C. Mepham High School
College: State University of New York at Binghamton
Business and Personal Affiliations: Board of Directors, Historic Franklin Farm Preservation; Cumberland Land Trust; Blackstone River Watershed Council; Cumberland/Lincoln Prevention Coalition

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Cumberland Town Council, (2006-2012), President Pro-Tempore; Cumberland Juvenile Hearing Board, (2004-2006); Elected State Representative November 6, 2012

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Biographical

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General Background

Occupation: Oriental Rug Restoration and Sales

Employed By: Rustigian Rugs

High School: Scotch Plains Fanwood High School

College: Bucknell University, BA, 1966

Business and Personal Affiliations: Volunteers in Providence Schools, (1988-1993); Board, 2 to 1; The Coalition to Preserve Choice; Oriental Rug Retailers of America; Certified Oriental Rug Appraiser; Board of Directors, Women's Health and Education Fund

Public Service Information

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Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/23/1957

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General Background

Occupation: General Contractor

Employed By: Essence Construction

High School: La Salle Academy

College: Roger Williams University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 6, 2012

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General Background

Occupation: History Teacher

Employed By: East Providence School Department

High School: East Providence High School

College: Providence College, BA - History

Graduate School: New England College, MA - Public Policy

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Historical
Society; Rhode Island High School Hockey Coaches Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected State Representative
November 6, 2012

HOUSE

Samuel A. Azzinaro



Representative District 37

WESTERLY

DEMOCRAT

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Westerly, RI 02891

Chair: Veterans' Affairs; **Member:**
Rules; Health; Education and
Welfare

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/29/1943

Married to: Carol Remor Azzinaro

Children: Tami Algiere; Amy Azzinaro; Lori Gulluscio; Samuel J.
Azzinaro; Mary Banks

General Background

Occupation: Retired

High School: Westerly High School, 1960

College: Rhode Island School of Design

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Westerly Town Council, (12
years, President 4 years); Recreation Board, (5 years, President 3
years); Elected Representative November 4, 2008

Military Service: Rhode Island National Guard, (4 years); US
Army Reserve, (2 years); Staff SGT. E6

Jean Philippe Barros



Representative District 59
PAWTUCKET
DEMOCRAT
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Pawtucket, RI 02860

Deputy Majority Leader; Member:
Finance; Municipal Government;
Finance Subcommittees -
Education; Public Safety

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/30/1963
Children: Tyger Lee Barros; Zachary Robert Barros

General Background

Employed By: Tunstall America
High School: Tolman High School
College: Community College of Rhode Island; Springfield College BA - Science

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Pawtucket City Council, (2009-2014); Elected Representative November 4, 2014

David A. Bennett



Representative District 20
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DEMOCRAT
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Warwick, RI 02886

First Vice-Chair: Environment
and Natural Resources; Member:
Health, Education and Welfare;
Municipal Government; Joint
Committee on Healthcare
Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/08/1955
Married to: Ann
Children: Giana

General Background

Occupation: Psychiatric Registered Nurse
Employed By: The Kent Center
High School: Tollgate High School
College: Rhode Island Junior College; Community College of Rhode Island; Rhode Island College
Business and Personal Affiliations: American Nurses Association (ANA), Rhode Island State Nurses Association (RISNA), Sierra Club, Apponaug Old Timers

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 2, 2014

Christopher R. Blazejewski



Representative District 02
PROVIDENCE
DEMOCRAT
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Deputy Majority Whip; Member:
Labor; Rules

Dennis M. Canario



Representative District 71
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PORTSMOUTH, TIVERTON
DEMOCRAT
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Portsmouth, RI 02871
Deputy Majority Leader; First
Vice-Chair: Health, Education
and Welfare; Member: Judiciary;
Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/03/1979
Married to: Ami M. Gada
Children: Aria; Liam

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Sherin and Lodgen, LLP
High School: Cumberland High School
College: Harvard University
Graduate School: Harvard Law School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: State Representative (D-2),
Deputy Majority Whip; Elected Representative November 2,
2010

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/18/1960
Married to: Amy
Children: Dennis, Jr.; Olivia; Jonathan

General Background

Occupation: Police Officer (Retired)
High School: St. Andrews School
College: Roger Williams University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Rhode Island House of
Representatives Deputy Majority Leader; Portsmouth Town
Council; Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Lauren Carson



Representative District 75
NEWPORT
DEMOCRAT
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Newport, RI 02840
Member: Municipal Government,
Oversight, Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/26/1954
Children: Andrew

General Background

College: Ramapo College of New Jersey
Graduate School: University of Rhode Island

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Newport Energy and
Environment Commission; Elected Representative November 4,
2014

Stephen M. Casey



Representative District 50
WOONSOCKET
DEMOCRAT
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Woonsocket, RI 02895
**Deputy Majority Leader; Second
Vice-Chair: Labor; Member:
Corporations, Veterans' Affairs**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/12/1968
Married to: Debra Deziel-Hunt

General Background

Occupation: Firefighter; Self-employed Contractor
Employed By: City of Woonsocket
High School: Melrose High School
College: Boston College
Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Masons; Rhode
Island Shriners; Woonsocket Firefighters Local 732

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected State Representative
November 6, 2012

Julie A. Casimiro



Representative District 31
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DEMOCRAT
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North Kingstown, RI 02852
Member: Health, Education and Welfare; Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/21/1962
Married to: Richard

General Background

Occupation: Marketing Executive and Fund Development Professional (Retired)
High School: Cranston High School West
College: Providence College
Business and Personal Affiliations: 2nd Vice Chair, North Kingstown Democratic Town Committee; Year Up Providence Mentor

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016

Michael W. Chippendale



Representative District 40
COVENTRY, FOSTER, GLOCESTER
REPUBLICAN
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Foster, RI 02825
Member: Corporations; Permanent Joint Committee on Healthcare Oversight; Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/25/1969
Married to: Sherri Chippendale
Children: Paige JoEllen; Seighin Michael

General Background

Occupation: Real Estate
Employed By: Intrepid Enterprises, LLC
High School: Johnston High School
College: New England Institute of Technology; Johnson & Wales University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: State Representative from District 40 since 2010; Appointed Board member of Foster/Glocester Juvenile Hearing Board; Elected Representative November 2, 2010

Arthur J. Corvese



Representative District 55

NORTH PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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North Providence, RI 02904

Deputy Majority Leader; Chair:
Rules; Member: Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/14/1956

Married to: Terry

Children: Maria Rose; Christina Maria

General Background

Occupation: Doctor of Optometry

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: North Providence High, 1973

College: Providence College, BS - Biology, 1977

Graduate School: New England College of Optometry, OD, 1981

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Optometric Association; American Optometric Association; Italo-American Club of Rhode Island; FOPA Lodge #13

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: North Providence School Committee, (1987-1998); North Providence Democratic Town Committee; Elected Representative November 3, 1998

Gregory J. Costantino



Representative District 44

JOHNSTON, LINCOLN,
SMITHFIELD

DEMOCRAT

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Lincoln, RI 02865

Deputy Majority Leader; Member:
Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/11/1960

Married to: Lisa Ronci

Children: Sofia; Camille; Gregory

General Background

Employed By: Venda Ravioli, Inc.

High School: La Salle Academy, 1978

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 6, 2012

David A. Coughlin, Jr.



Representative District 60

PAWTUCKET

DEMOCRAT

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Pawtucket, RI 02860

First Vice-Chair: Rules; **Member:**
Judiciary; Municipal Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 03/05/1950

Children: David, III; Ashley M.; Michael P.; Kevin A. Coughlin

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Sacred Heart Academy

College: Providence College

Graduate School: University of Rhode Island College of Engineering; University of Massachusetts; Dartmouth School of Law

Business and Personal Affiliations: Roman Catholic; Pawtucket Police and Fire Pension Board

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Pawtucket School Committee, (2006-2014); Elected State Representative November 4, 2014

Robert E. Craven, Sr.



Representative District 32

NORTH KINGSTOWN

DEMOCRAT

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Saunderstown, RI 02874

Chair: Labor; **Member:** Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/19/1955

Married to: Susan Craven

Children: Robert Craven, Jr.; Joseph Craven

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Robert E. Craven & Associates

High School: La Salle Academy

College: University of Rhode Island

Graduate School: New England School of Law

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; Rhode Island Federal Bar; First Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Supreme Court Bar; Chair, Brother to Brother

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Town Council, Town of North Kingstown, (1994-1996); Probate Judge, Town of Charlestown, (2006-Present); Assistant City Solicitor, City of East Providence, (2008-Present); Assistant Town Solicitor, Town of Charlestown, (2008-Present); State of Rhode Island Assistant Attorney General, (1983-1992); Town Solicitor/Town of Foster, (1998-2004); Town Solicitor, Town of Charlestown, (2006-2008); Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Helder J. Cunha



Representative District 64

EAST PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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East Providence, RI 02914

Member: Labor, Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/05/1977

Married to: Sandra

Children: Arianna; Jocelyn; Roman

General Background

Occupation: Self-employed

Employed By: Cunha Construction

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Assistant Mayor, East Providence City Council; Elected Representative November 8, 2016

Grace Diaz



Representative District 11

PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02907

Democratic Caucus Chair; Chair: Legislative Commission on Child Care; Member: Rules; Finance; Finance Subcommittees - Public Safety; Human Services

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/21/1957

Children: Cristian; Felix; Ruben; Gisselle; Maria

General Background

Occupation: Senior Advisor on Community Relations

Employed By: City of Providence

High School: Los Angeles Custodios

College: Springfield College at Boston, MS - Human Services

Graduate School: Springfield College at Boston, MS - Human Services Organizational Management Leadership

Business and Personal Affiliations: Diabetes Class Facilitator

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Appointed 1st Vice-Chair, Rhode Island Democratic Party, (2008); House Democratic Caucus Chair, (2015); Elected Representative November 2, 2004

Susan R. Donovan



Representative District 69
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DEMOCRAT
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Bristol, RI 02809
Member: Environment and Natural Resources; Health, Education and Welfare

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/11/1953
Married to: Glenn Donovan
Children: Glenn; Colleen; Cara Donovan

General Background

Occupation: Teacher Education Consultant (Retired)
High School: Bristol High School
College: Rhode Island College
Graduate School: Rhode Island College
Business and Personal Affiliations: Chair, East Bay Rhode Island Habitat for Humanity; Vice President, Save Bristol Harbor

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016

John G. Edwards



Representative District 70
PORTSMOUTH, TIVERTON
DEMOCRAT
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Tiverton, RI 02878
House Majority Whip; Member: Finance; Judiciary; Labor; Oversight; Joint Committee on Economic Development

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/07/1958
Married to: Donna
Children: John; Kelsey; Mae

General Background

Occupation: Construction Project Manager
Employed By: Carlin Construction
High School: Le Centre Scholaire St. Marc, 1975; St. George's, 1976
College: Northeastern University, 1983
Business and Personal Affiliations: Tiverton Democratic Town Committee; Tiverton Lions; Tiverton Land Trust; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Save the Bay; Friends of Tiverton Library; National Eagle Scout Association; CSG Henry Toll Fellow

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Tiverton Town Council, (2006-2008); Tiverton Zoning Board, (1996-2006); Tiverton Elementary School Building Committee, (2004-2008); Elected Representative November 4, 2008

Deborah A. Fellela



Representative District 43

JOHNSTON

DEMOCRAT

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Johnston, RI 02919

Deputy Majority Leader; Second

Vice-Chair: Veterans' Affairs;

Member: Labor; Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/16/1956

Married to: Henry

Children: Henry, III; Matthew; Kyle; Ally

General Background

Occupation: Secretary

Employed By: Providence School Department

High School: East Providence High School

Business and Personal Affiliations: Communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church; Board member and Chairwoman of the Johnston Housing Authority

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative

November 7, 2016

Blake A. Filippi



Representative District 36

CHARLESTOWN,

NEW SHOREHAM,

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, WESTERLY

REPUBLICAN

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Block Island, RI 02807

House Minority Whip; Member:

Judiciary; Municipal Government;

Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/10/1980

General Background

Occupation: Attorney; Farmer

College: University of Arizona

Graduate School: Rutgers School of Law

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative

November 4, 2014

Kathleen A. Fogarty



Representative District 35
SOUTH KINGSTOWN
DEMOCRAT
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Wakefield, RI 02879
Chair: Municipal Government;
Member: Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/29/1965
Married to: Brendan J. Fogarty
Children: Brendan J. Fogarty; Lauren Fogarty

General Background

Occupation: Industrial Security Specialist
Employed By: Raytheon
High School: Smithfield High School
College: Providence College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: South Kingstown Town Council, (2002-2012); Elected Representative November 4, 2014

HOUSE

Anthony Giarrusso



Representative District 30
EAST GREENWICH,
WEST GREENWICH
REPUBLICAN
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East Greenwich, RI 02818
Senior Deputy Minority Leader;
Member: Corporations; Finance;
Finance Subcommittee - Education;
Human Services

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/05/1962
Married to: Janet
Children: Antonio, Jr.; Andrea; Leonardo; James

General Background

Occupation: President of A.G. & G., Inc.
Employed By: A.G. & G., Inc.
High School: Mt. Pleasant High School
College: Bryant College
Business and Personal Affiliations: Member, East Greenwich Republican Town Committee; Board member, East Greenwich Little League

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Senior Deputy Minority Leader; Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Carol Hagan McEntee



Representative District 33

NARRAGANSETT,
SOUTH KINGSTOWN

DEMOCRAT

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**Second Vice-Chair: Judiciary;
Member: Labor; Environment and
Natural Resources**

Biographical

Married to: Michael J. McEntee, Esq.

Children: Meg McEntee; Mickey McEntee; Rory McEntee

General Background

Occupation: Attorney in Rhode Island and Massachusetts

Employed By: Self Employed - McEntee & McEntee Law Offices

High School: Warwick Vets Memorial High School

College: University of Rhode Island

Graduate School: Suffolk University Law School

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; Washington County Bar Association; Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, University of Rhode Island Alumni Association; South Kingstown Democratic Town Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: South Kingstown Town Councilwoman, (2008-2015); Special Assistant Attorney General, Assistant City Solicitor/City of Warwick; Elected Representative May 5, 2015

Arthur Handy



Representative District 18

CRANSTON

DEMOCRAT

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Cranston, RI 02910*

**Chair: Environment and Natural
Resources; Member: Health,
Education and Welfare; Oversight;
Small Business**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/15/1967

General Background

Occupation: Solar Consultant

Employed By: Level Solar

High School: Richmond Community High School

College: University of Miami

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Joy Hearn



Representative District 66
BARRINGTON, EAST PROVIDENCE
DEMOCRAT

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Barrington, RI 02806

Member: Finance; Municipal
Government; Finance
Subcommittees - Education;
Environment/Transportation

Biographical

Married to: Frank Hearn

Children: Sam; Hannah

General Background

Occupation: Library Assistant

Employed By: Barrington Public Schools

College: State University of New York at Geneseo, BA

Business and Personal Affiliations: Barrington Yacht Club;
Barrington Congregational Church

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Transportation Planner,
Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and
Construction; Elected Representative November 4, 2008

Raymond A. Hull



Representative District 06
NORTH PROVIDENCE,
PROVIDENCE
DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02908

Chair, Martin Luther King Jr. State
Holiday Commission; **Member:**
Corporations; Environment and
Natural Resources

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/18/1963

Children: Andres; Karina

General Background

Occupation: Police Officer, Commanding Officer Housing Unit

Employed By: City of Providence

High School: La Salle Academy

College: University of Rhode Island; Roger Williams University

Graduate School: Anna Maria College, MA

Business and Personal Affiliations: Providence Canteen; Knights
of Columbus St. Augustine's Council; Providence Fraternal
Order of Police; St. Anthony Society; Pawtuxet Athletic Club

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Police Representative,
Providence Retirement Board; Elected Representative November
2, 2010

Robert B. Jacquard



Representative District 17

CRANSTON

DEMOCRAT

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Cranston, RI 02920

Chair: Corporations; **Member:**
Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/18/1958

Married to: Kathleen

Children: Kathryn

General Background

Occupation: Attorney, Police Officer (Retired)

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: La Salle Academy

College: Roger Williams University

Graduate School: Roger Williams University School of Law;
Salve Regina University

Business and Personal Affiliations: Former Coach and Official
CLCF Youth Hockey Association; Southern Rhode Island Youth
Hockey Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 3, 1992

Raymond H. Johnston, Jr.



Representative District 61

PAWTUCKET

DEMOCRAT

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Pawtucket, RI 02861

**Deputy Majority Leader; Second
Vice-Chair:** Corporations;
Oversight; Member: Municipal
Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/06/1960

Married to: Donna Johnston

Children: Raymond H. Johnston, III

General Background

Occupation: Police Officer, Rank of Detective

Employed By: City of Pawtucket

High School: Saint Raphael Academy

College: Roger Williams University

Business and Personal Affiliations: Former member, Pineview
Little League Board of Directors, (13 years, President 10 years)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: State Committeeman District
61; Pawtucket Democratic City Committee, Ward 1; Elected
Representative November 2, 2010

Katherine S. Kazarian



Representative District 63

EAST PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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East Providence, RI 02916

Member: Corporations;
Environment and Natural
Resources; Rules

Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/25/1990

General Background

Occupation: Sales Development Representative

Employed By: Upserve

High School: St. Mary Academy Bay View

College: Columbia University, Barnard College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 6, 2012

HOUSE

Cale P. Keable



Representative District 47

BURRILLVILLE, GLOCESTER

DEMOCRAT

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Pascoag, RI 02859

Chair: Judiciary; **Member:** Rules;
Joint Committee on Healthcare
Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/10/1976

Married to: Colleen

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Partridge Snow & Hahn, LLP

High School: Burrillville High School

College: Providence College

Graduate School: Harvard Law School

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar
Association; Massachusetts Bar Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected to the House of
Representatives November 2, 2010

Brian Patrick Kennedy



Representative District 38
HOPKINTON, WESTERLY
DEMOCRAT
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Ashaway, RI 02804
Speaker Pro Tempore; Member:
Corporations; Rules

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/03/1961

General Background

Occupation: Real Estate Appraiser
Employed By: Kennedy Realty Appraisal
High School: Chariho Regional High School
College: Providence College, BA - History, General Social Studies
Graduate School: Anna Maria College, MA, MBA - Business
Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Association of Realtors; National Association of Realtors Appraisal Division; Executive Committee Member, Co-Chairman, Executive Committee Task Force on Insurance, and Co-Chairman, Communications, National Conference of State Legislatures; Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Speaker Pro Tempore, Dean of the Rhode Island House; Past Chairman of the House Committee on Corporations; Elected Representative November 8, 1988

Jason Knight



Representative District 67
BARRINGTON, WARREN
DEMOCRAT
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Barrington, RI 02806
Member: Judiciary; Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/28/1969
Married to: Nicole

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Self-employed
High School: Boise High School
College: Emerson College
Graduate School: Suffolk Law
Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Board Member, Temple Haborim, Barrington

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016
Military Service: US Navy, enlisted nuclear power plant operator, (1988-1996)

Robert B. Lancia



Representative District 16

CRANSTON

REPUBLICAN

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Work Phone: 401-222-2259

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Cranston, RI 02920

Member: Environment and Natural Resources; Health, Education and Welfare; Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/24/1953

Married to: Maryann Lancia

Children: Lisa; Scott; Amy; 7 grandchildren

General Background

Occupation: Navy Chaplain and Disabled Veteran (Retired)

High School: Cranston High School East, 1972

College: Rhode Island College, BA - Social Science Elementary Education Curriculum, 1976

Graduate School: Andover Newton Theological School, MDiv, 1991; United Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry/Proclamation and Leadership, 2000; Andover Newton Theological School, MA - Religion, Psychology, 2001

Business and Personal Affiliations: Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce; Disabled American Veterans (DAV); Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Member, VFW

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 4, 2014

Charlene M. Lima



Representative District 14

CRANSTON, PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Cranston, RI 02920

Deputy Speaker; Member: Corporations; Municipal Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/18/1953

Married to: Frank Fiorenzano

General Background

Occupation: Educator (Retired)

High School: Classical High School, 1971

College: University of Rhode Island, BA, 1975

Business and Personal Affiliations: American Federation of Teachers; Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness; Providence Teacher's Union; Women's Auxiliary of the Saint Mary's Feast Society

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Providence/Cranston 14th District Representative Committee; Attorney General's Juvenile Justice Task Force, (1999); Secretary, Cranston House Caucus, (1999); Deputy Majority Whip, (2002); Secretary of State Panel for Election Law; Speaker Tempore, (2004-2010); Deputy Majority Leader, (2013); Deputy Speaker, (2014-present); Elected Representative November 3, 1992

John J. Lombardi



Representative District 08

PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Address: 225 Broadway
Providence, RI 02903

Member: Environment and Natural
Resources; Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/30/1952

Married to: Denise A. Lombardi

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Mt. Pleasant High School

College: Rhode Island College

Graduate School: Rhode Island College, MEd; Suffolk Law
School, JD

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 6, 2012

Shelby Maldonado



Representative District 56

CENTRAL FALLS

DEMOCRAT

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Second Vice-Chair: Municipal
Government; **Member:** Health,
Education and Welfare

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/24/1987

General Background

Occupation: Director of Communications

Employed By: UA Local 51

High School: Central Falls High School

College: University of Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: US Peace Corps, Zambia,
(2011-2013)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Central Falls City Council,
(2013-2014); Elected Representative November 4, 2014

Kenneth A. Marshall



Representative District 68

BRISTOL, WARREN

DEMOCRAT

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Senior Deputy Majority Leader;
First Vice-Chair: Finance; Member:
Labor; Rules; Finance Subcommittee
- General Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/04/1968

Married to: Christine

Children: Anthony; Kenneth, Jr.; Makenzie; Amanda

General Background

Occupation: General Manager

Employed By: Donovan & Sons, Inc.

High School: Bristol High School

College: Bryant College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Bristol Town Council, (2002-2012, Chair, 2006-2012); Bristol Democratic Committee Chair (2014-Present); Elected Representative November 6, 2012

HOUSE

Alex D. Marszalkowski



Representative District 52

CUMBERLAND

DEMOCRAT

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Cumberland, RI 02864

Member: Environment and
Natural Resources; Finance;
Finance Subcommittees - General
Government; Public Safety

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/22/1987

General Background

Occupation: Farmer

High School: Mount Saint Charles Academy

College: Roger Williams University

Graduate School: Roger Williams School of Law

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 8, 2016

Nicholas A. Mattiello

Speaker of the House



Representative District 15

CRANSTON

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02903

Speaker; Ex-Officio Member of all House Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/16/1963

Married to: Mary Ann Mattiello

Children: Nicholas A. Mattiello, Jr.; Anthony J. Mattiello

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: La Salle Academy

College: Boston College, BS

Graduate School: Suffolk University School of Law, JD

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association; Immaculate Conception Church; St. Mary's Feast Society; Oaklawn Grange

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 7, 2006

Daniel P. McKiernan



Representative District 07

PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02908

First Vice-Chair: Small Business;
Member: Oversight; Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/12/1966

Married to: Christina

Children: Thomas; Bridget

General Background

Occupation: Attorney

Employed By: Self-employed

High School: Bishop Hendricken

College: Boston College

Graduate School: Boston College Law School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 4, 2012

James N. McLaughlin



Representative District 57
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Cumberland, RI 02864

Member: Finance; Veterans' Affairs;
Finance Subcommittee - Human
Services

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/06/1943
Married to: Jill McLaughlin
Children: Chad; Jim, Jr.; Courtney; Aaron

General Background

Occupation: Automotive Repair Technician (Retired)
High School: GED
Graduate School: Army; Rhode Island Trade Shop, 3 Yrs.; Rhode Island Radio & Electronic
Business and Personal Affiliations: Knights of Columbus; Holy Name Society

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 2, 2010
Military Service: Army: Europe, Vietnam

Joseph M. McNamara



Representative District 19
CRANSTON, WARWICK
DEMOCRAT
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Warwick, RI 02888

Chair: Health, Education and
Welfare; Member: Rules; Joint
Committee on Healthcare Oversight

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/07/1950
Married to: Diane McNamara
Children: William G.; Katie E.

General Background

Occupation: Public School Administrator (Retired)
High School: Pilgrim High School
College: Boston University, BS
Graduate School: Providence College, MEd
Business and Personal Affiliations: Irish Social Club; Former President, Governors Golf League; Warwick Firefighters Association; Explorer Advisor, Boy Scouts of America, Former Committee Chairman Pack 4; Save the Bay; Gaspee Day Committee; Member, Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: New England Board of Higher Education; Elected Board Member, College Unbound; Elected Representative November 8, 1994

Kenneth J. Mendonça



Representative District 72
MIDDLETOWN, PORTSMOUTH
REPUBLICAN

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Portsmouth, RI 02871

Member: Finance; Veterans' Affairs;
Finance Subcommittees - General
Government; Environment/
Transportation

Biographical

Married to: Nancy

Children: Kaleigh

General Background

Occupation: Program Manager, Systems Engineer

Employed By: Rite-Solutions, Inc.

High School: Rogers High School

College: Salve Regina University, BS

Graduate School: Salve Regina University, MS, MBA

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 8, 2016

Mary Duffy Messier



Representative District 62
PAWTUCKET
DEMOCRAT

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Pawtucket, RI 02861

Deputy Majority Leader; First
Vice-Chair: Corporations; Labor;
Member: Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Children: Ryan J.; Seth Edward; grandchild Kiley

General Background

Occupation: Educator (Retired)

High School: Tolman High School

College: Roger Williams University

Graduate School: Rhode Island College

Business and Personal Affiliations: Pawtucket Democratic City
Committee; Board member, Boys and Girls Club Pawtucket;
Pawtucket St. Patrick's Parade Committee; Board Member,
Jeanne Jugan Residence

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Pawtucket Ward Committee -
District 3; Elected Representative December 29, 2009

Patricia L. Morgan

Minority Leader



Representative District 26

COVENTRY, WARWICK,
WEST WARWICK
REPUBLICAN

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West Warwick, RI 02893

Minority Leader; Ex-Officio

**Member of all House Committees;
Conference Policy Chair**

Biographical

Children: Bernie; Stephen; Brian

General Background

Occupation: Financial Advisor

Employed By: Spire Investment Partners

High School: Northwest High School

College: Kent State University, Honors College, BA, *Summa Cum Laude*

Graduate School: Mississippi State University; Rhode Island College, MEd; Providence College, Principal's Certificate

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Chapter, National Federation of Republican Woman; ASANE; RIGOP/WWGOP; Rhode Island Section American Society for Quality

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: West Warwick Zoning Board; Royal Mills/Riverwalk Restoration Committee; West Warwick Comprehensive Plan Committee; Elected Minority Leader November 2016; Elected Representative November 2, 2010

HOUSE

Michael A. Morin



Representative District 49

WOONSOCKET
DEMOCRAT

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Woonsocket, RI 02895

Deputy Majority Leader; Chair:

**Finance Subcommittee - Public
Safety; Second Vice-Chair: Small**

**Business; Member: Corporations;
Finance**

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/01/1965

General Background

Occupation: Fire Marshal Captain, Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal

Employed By: Woonsocket Fire Department

High School: Woonsocket High School, 1983

College: Community College of Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: Board of Directors, Stadium Theatre Foundation

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative January 21, 2014

Robert A. Nardolillo, III



Representative District 28
COVENTRY
REPUBLICAN

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Greene, RI 02827

Member: Environment and Natural
Resources; Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/07/1979
Married to: Jacqueline
Children: Rocco; Milania

General Background

Occupation: Funeral Director
Employed By: Nardolillo Funeral Home, Inc.
High School: La Salle Military Academy
College: Arapahoe Community College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 4, 2014

Brian C. Newberry



Representative District 48
BURRILLVILLE,
NORTH SMITHFIELD
REPUBLICAN

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North Smithfield, RI 02896

Member: Labor; Municipal
Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/10/1971
Married to: Elizabeth
Children: Diane; Liam; Aidan

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Donovan Hatem, LLP
High School: Choate Rosemary Hall, 1989
College: University of Pennsylvania, 1993
Graduate School: Temple University School of Law, JD, 1996

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: House Minority Leader,
Emeritus 2011-2017; Elected Representative November 4, 2008

Jared R. Nunes



Representative District 25
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DEMOCRAT
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William W. O'Brien



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Deputy Majority Leader; Second Vice-Chair; Member:
Environment and Natural Resources; Finance; Finance Subcommittees - Education; Environment/Transportation

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/11/1982
Married to: Vanessa
Children: Stella Mae; Scarlett Sue

General Background

Occupation: Self-employed
Employed By: R.T. Nunes and Sons, Inc.
High School: Bishop Hendricken
College: University of Rhode Island
Business and Personal Affiliations: Utility Contractors Association of Rhode Island

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 2, 2010

Biographical

Date of Birth: 07/27/1969

General Background

Occupation: Math Teacher
Employed By: City of Providence
High School: North Providence with Honors, 1987
College: Rhode Island College, Mathematics, 1991, Cum Laude
Graduate School: Florida International University
Business and Personal Affiliations: US Peace Corps, South Africa, (1998-2000)

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Jeremiah O'Grady



Representative District 46

LINCOLN, PAWTUCKET

DEMOCRAT

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Lincoln, RI 02865

Deputy Majority Leader; Second Vice-Chair: Environment and Natural Resources; Member: Corporations; Judiciary

Biographical

Date of Birth: 06/30/1970

Married to: Elizabeth Crohan

Children: Anna; Declan

General Background

Occupation: Real Estate Project Manager

Employed By: Olneyville Housing Corporation, Providence

High School: Wilbraham & Monson Academy

College: University of Vermont, BA, 1997

Graduate School: University of Rhode Island, MPA, 2009

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Lincoln Town Council, (2005-2009, President, 2007-2009); Lincoln Budget Board, (2009-2010); Lincoln Town Moderator, (2010); Elected Representative November 2, 2010

Ramon A. Perez



Representative District 13

JOHNSTON, PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02909

Member: Health, Education and Welfare; Municipal Government

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/20/1971

Married to: Mayra

General Background

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Employed By: Self-employed, New England Taxi

High School: Million College in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

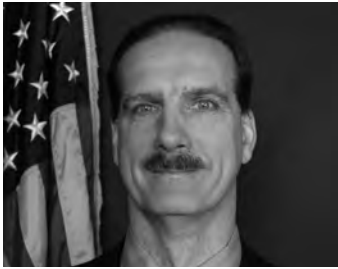
College: Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana

Business and Personal Affiliations: Founder, Providence Taxi Driver Union Association; Fountain of Life Pentecostal Church in Johnston; Published author & poet, (suenos) dreams

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016

Robert D. Phillips



Representative District 51
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DEMOCRAT
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Woonsocket, RI 02895
Member: Health, Education and Welfare; Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/29/1956
Married to: Nancy E. (Ottman) Phillips
Children: Timothy; Matthew

General Background

Occupation: Financial Services
Employed By: Citizens Bank
High School: Franklin High School
College: University of Rhode Island, BS - Business Administration

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Tax Assessors Board of Review; Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Committee on Shared Municipal Services; Elected Representative November 2, 2010

Justin K. Price



Representative District 39
EXETER, HOPKINTON,
RICHMOND
REPUBLICAN
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Richmond, RI 02875
Member: Judiciary; Rules; Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/29/1964
Children: Austin; Aaron

General Background

Occupation: Carpenter/Contractor
Employed By: Self-employed
High School: North Kingstown
College: Palm Beach State College
Business and Personal Affiliations: Richmond Historical Society; Richmond Republican Town Committee

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 4, 2014
Military Service: United States Marine Corps

Robert Quattrocchi



Representative District 41
CRANSTON, SCITUATE
REPUBLICAN

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Scituate, RI 02825

Member: Finance; Small Business;
Finance Subcommittee - Public
Safety

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/11/1963
Married to: Edwina
Children: 2 daughters

General Background

Occupation: Landscape Foreman
Employed By: M&L Landscaping Company
High School: Scituate High School
College: American Motorcycle Institute
Business and Personal Affiliations: Former sponsor and coach of Scituate Girls Youth Soccer; Former member Hope Elementary PTA; Member, Scituate Lions; Member, Pine Tree Gun Club

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 8, 2016

Marcia Ranglin-Vassell



Representative District 05
PROVIDENCE
DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02908

Member: Environment and Natural
Resources; Health, Education and
Welfare

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/21/1960
Married to: Van Vassell
Children: Alethe Vassell; Van Vassell, Jr.; Eric Vassell; Terrence Vassell

General Background

Occupation: Public School Teacher
Employed By: City of Providence
High School: Yallahs High School, Jamaica
College: Rhode Island College; St. Joseph's Teachers College
Graduate School: Providence College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 8, 2016

J. Aaron Regunberg



Representative District 04

PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02906

Member: Environment and Natural
Resources; Labor

Biographical

Date of Birth: 01/26/1990

General Background

High School: North Shore County Day School

College: Brown University

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 2, 2014

HOUSE

Sherry Roberts



Representative District 29

COVENTRY, WEST GREENWICH

REPUBLICAN

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West Greenwich, RI 02817

Member: Health Education and
Welfare; Judiciary; Rules

Biographical

Children: Zackary Roberts; Tia-Alexi Roberts

General Background

High School: Chariho High School

College: Community College of Rhode Island; University of
Rhode Island

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 2, 2014

Deborah L. Ruggiero



Representative District 74
JAMESTOWN, MIDDLETOWN
DEMOCRAT

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Jamestown, RI 02835

Chair: Small Business; Finance
Subcommittee - Environment/
Transportation; **Co-Chair;** Special
Legislative Commission on Defense
Economy Planning; **Member:** Finance

Biographical

Date of Birth: 04/02/1958

General Background

Occupation: Marketing/Broadcasting Executive

Employed By: President, DR Communications Group; Advertising/Marketing; Host of public affairs show AMAZING WOMEN

High School: Lincoln High School

College: Boston College

Business and Personal Affiliations: Providence Art Club; Save the Bay; Founding Board Member, Women's Fund of Rhode Island; Past Chair, American Lung Association of Rhode Island; Rhode Island Broadcasters Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 4, 2008

Patricia A. Serpa



Representative District 27
COVENTRY, WARWICK, WEST
WARWICK
DEMOCRAT

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West Warwick, RI 02893

Chair: Oversight; **Member:** Rules

General Background

Occupation: Educator and College Admissions Officer (Retired)

High School: St. Xavier's Academy

College: Mount Saint Joseph University

Graduate School: Providence College

Business and Personal Affiliations: West Warwick Democratic
Town Committee; Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association;
Sons of Italy; Vince Lombardi Lodge; Defenders of Animals;
West Warwick Lions Club

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: West Warwick School
Committee, (2000-2006); Elected Representative November 7,
2006

Evan Patrick Shanley



Representative District 24
WARWICK
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Warwick, RI 02886
Member: Judiciary; Municipal Government; Small Business

Biographical

Date of Birth: 10/17/1986
Married to: Meredith J. Shanley
Children: Maxwell Tyler Shanley

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Gursky | Wiens, Attorneys at Law, Ltd.
High School: Toll Gate High School
College: Providence College
Graduate School: Catholic University Law School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016

HOUSE

K. Joseph Shekarchi

Majority Leader



Representative District 23
WARWICK
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Warwick, RI 02886
Majority Leader; Ex-Officio Member of all House Committees

Biographical

Date of Birth: 05/17/1962

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Self-employed
High School: Mount Saint Charles Academy
College: Suffolk University
Graduate School: Suffolk University Law School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Former member, CRMC; Former member, Rhode Island Dealer's Hearing Board; Former member, Judicial Tenure and Discipline; Elected Representative November 6, 2012

Scott A. Slater



Representative District 10

PROVIDENCE

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02907

Deputy Majority Leader; First Vice-Chair; Oversight; Chair: Finance Subcommittee - General Government; Member: Finance; Rules; Finance Subcommittees - Human Services; Environment/Transportation

Biographical

Married to: Bianca Rodriguez

Children: Mia Elizabeth; Madeline Lulu

General Background

Occupation: Budget Analyst

Employed By: City of Providence

High School: Bishop Hendricken High School

College: Bryant College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 10, 2009

Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.



Representative District 22

WARWICK

DEMOCRAT

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Warwick, RI 02889

Member: Corporations; Oversight; Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 09/04/1983

General Background

Occupation: Attorney, Business Owner

High School: Bishop Hendricken High School

College: Providence College

Graduate School: New England Law, Boston

Business and Personal Affiliations: Rhode Island Bar Association

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative
November 4, 2014

Teresa Ann Tanzi



Representative District 34

NARRAGANSETT, SOUTH KINGSTOWN
DEMOCRAT

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Wakefield, RI 02879

Chair: Finance Subcommittee -
Human Services; Second Vice-Chair:
Finance; Member: Oversight; Small
Business; Finance Subcommittee -
Environment/Transportation; Joint
Port Facilities Study Commission

Carlos E. Tobon



Representative District 58

PAWTUCKET

DEMOCRAT

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Providence, RI 02903

First Vice-Chair: Veterans' Affairs;
Member: Environment and Natural
Resources; Finance; Finance
Subcommittees – Education;
Human Services; Public Safety

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/03/1971

Married to: Dr. Eric J. Buchbaum

Children: Delia Tanzi Buchbaum

General Background

High School: Edison High School

College: Middlesex County College; University of Rhode Island;
Brown University

Business and Personal Affiliations: National Organization
for Women, Rhode Island Chapter; Downtown Merchant's
Association, Wakefield; Narragansett Chamber of Commerce

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: South Kingstown Economic
Development Committee; Elected Representative November 2,
2010

Biographical

Date of Birth: 02/03/1982

Married to: Alejandra Tobon

General Background

Occupation: Commercial Insurance Professional

Employed By: Cross Insurance Rhode Island

High School: William E. Tolman High School

College: Community College of Rhode Island; University of
Rhode Island

Business and Personal Affiliations: Books are Wings; Advisory
Council, United Way; Blackstone Academy Board; Board of
Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC); National Hispanic Caucus of
State Legislators (NHCSL); National Caucus of Environmental
Legislators (NCEL); Boys Town Board

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Pawtucket Business
Development Corporation; Central Falls Board of Trustees;
Elected Representative November 4, 2014

Military Service: United States Coast Guard Reserve

Stephen R. Ucci



Representative District 42
CRANSTON, JOHNSTON
DEMOCRAT

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Johnston, RI 02919

Member: Labor; Rules

Biographical

Date of Birth: 11/06/1971
Married to: Dina (Roberti)
Children: Gianna

General Background

Occupation: Attorney
Employed By: Adler Pollock and Sheehan
High School: La Salle Academy
College: Providence College
Graduate School: New England School of Law
Business and Personal Affiliations: Johnston Hose Company #3; Johnston Lion's Club; Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance; St. Rocco's School Parent Advisory Board; Dillon Council Knights of Columbus; NCSL Cybersecurity Task Force

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Johnston Zoning Board; Elected Representative November 2, 2004

Camille F. J. Vella-Wilkinson



Representative District 21
WARWICK
DEMOCRAT

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Warwick, RI 02889

Member: Judiciary; Municipal Government; Veterans' Affairs

Biographical

Date of Birth: 12/29/1956
Married to: Kenneth Wilkinson
Children: Ian Vella Wilkinson

General Background

Occupation: Career Coach/Mediator
Employed By: Self-employed
High School: St. Edmunds High School
College: Long Island University
Graduate School: University of Rhode Island, Roger William University School of Law
Business and Personal Affiliations: Military Officers Association of America, Newport Chapter; American Legion Post 43; NRA; Leadership Rhode Island; AARP, Warwick Chapter; Daughters of Isabella, Circle 423; Italo-American Club; Conimicut Village Association; Warwick Citizens Police Academy Alum

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights, (1999-2016); Warwick City Council, (2011-2016); Elected Representative November 8, 2016
Military Service: US Navy Officer (Retired)

Moira J. Walsh



Representative District 03
PROVIDENCE
DEMOCRAT
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Member: Health; Education and Welfare; Veterans' Affairs

Anastasia P. Williams



Representative District 09
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DEMOCRAT
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Providence, RI 02909
Member: Corporations; Oversight; Rhode Island Black & Latino Legislative Caucus

Biographical

Date of Birth: 08/23/1990
Children: Malcolm Caminero

General Background

High School: Classical High School
College: Community College of Rhode Island; Rhode Island College

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 8, 2016

Biographical

Children: Lisa; Dionne; Jonnathan; Eddy; Hev'n

General Background

Occupation: First Source Coordinator
Employed By: Providence Department of Planning & Development
High School: Bishop Keough Regional High School

Public Service Information

Public Offices and Appointments: Elected Representative November 3, 1992

Thomas Winfield



Representative District 53
GLOCESTER, SMITHFIELD
DEMOCRAT

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 072 (ENACTED 02/15/2017)

Adopting Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2017 and 2018

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, the following rules be adopted for the House of Representatives for the years 2017 and 2018 Rules Pertaining to the Speaker:

Rules Pertaining to the Speaker

(1) The Speaker is authorized to: take the chair each legislative day, call the members to order, and, if a quorum be present, proceed to business; refer bills and resolutions upon introduction; preserve order and decorum; call some other member to the chair in order to speak from the floor as other members are entitled on general matters; decide all questions without debate subject to appeal to the House; and have on every appeal the right to assign reasons for any decision, and to put the question forward without further debate.

(2) The Speaker shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved. On a voice vote, if the Speaker doubts the result, or a division be called for, the Clerk of the House shall call the roll. The Speaker shall declare the outcome of all votes.

(3) The Speaker may, but shall not be obliged to, vote on any question.

(4) All writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House shall be under the hand and seal of the Speaker, attested by either clerk.

(5) It shall be the duty of the sheriff in attendance upon the General Assembly, or either of his/her deputies, to execute the command of the House, from time to time, together with all such process, issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him/her by the Speaker.

(6) (a) The Speaker may appoint a Speaker pro tempore who may preside over the sessions of the House during the absence of the Speaker from the chair. The Speaker may appoint a Deputy Speaker who, in case the Speaker and Speaker pro tempore are absent, may call the House to order and shall preside over the House session. In case of the absence of the Speaker, Speaker pro tempore and Deputy Speaker, the senior member present from Newport, or in the absence of such member, a member chosen by notification to the House clerk by the Speaker shall call the House to order and preside.

(b) In the case of the vacancy of the office of the Speaker, the Speaker pro tempore shall preside until a Speaker is elected by ballot.

Rules Pertaining to the Order of Business

(7)(a) The Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, shall prepare the floor calendar for each legislative day. The calendar shall be printed or made available electronically to the members daily. During the legislative session, the House shall convene at 4 p.m. provided that the Speaker, with adequate notice to the members, may convene the House at another time.

(b) At the commencement of each day's session the roll shall be called or taken by use of the electronic voting system. If a quorum is determined to be present the Speaker shall seek approval of the previous day's journal and thereafter proceed to business. The order of business, unless the Speaker determines otherwise, shall be as follows:

- (i) Reports of standing and select committees.
- (ii) Introduction and reference of new business.
- (iii) Communications, including communications from the Senate.
- (iv) Unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of last adjournment.
- (v) Consent calendar.
- (vi) Calendar.
- (vii) Introduction of guests and announcements.
- (viii) Matters of personal privilege.
- (ix) Recess or adjournment.

(c) A representative desiring to introduce a bill or resolution shall file the same with the Clerk of the House. At the request of any representative, an announcement presented to the Speaker may be placed directly in the House Journal noting his or her absence from session.

(d) All bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than February 16, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and February 15, 2018 (for the 2018 session). The provisions of this section shall not apply to city or town bills, to bills for the reinstatement of corporate charters, to bills relating to the solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions. Further, a member may introduce a public bill or resolution after this date in February if one day previous to such introduction, the member shall have notified the House of his or her intention to introduce such bill or resolution by reading the title and giving a brief explanation of its purpose. A member may avail himself or herself of the opportunity afforded by this rule three (3) times only in each calendar year, but in no event after the fortieth (40th) legislative day unless the matter is submitted with the approval of the Speaker. House Committees may, but shall not be obligated to, hear and consider public bills or resolutions approved for introduction pursuant to this rule.

(e) Any bill or resolution introduced on or before April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and on or before April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session):

(i) if filed after the convening of the session, shall be in order for the first reading and where appropriate, assignment to committee, as early as the next legislative day and shall be considered a part of the days business, provided that the Speaker may direct that any given measure may be treated in accord with subparagraph (ii) below, and

(ii) if filed prior to the convening of the session in the instance where the desk has been left open to receive matters, shall be in order for the first reading and, where appropriate, assignment to committee, as early as that day.

(iii) All bills or resolutions introduced after April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and after April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session) shall be in order for the first reading and, may be assigned to committee, as early as the day of introduction.

(iv) In the discretion of the Speaker, any bill filed after the convening of the session on the last legislative day of any week shall also be in order for the first reading as early as the next day and assigned to committee as if the desk were left open.

(f) The Clerk of the House shall cause the title and numbers of all bills and resolutions introduced to be published in the House Journal for the day on which said bill or resolution is deemed, as herein provided, to have been introduced.

(8) Bills and resolutions which are of a routine, ceremonial, or non-controversial nature, may be granted "Immediate Consideration" and brought before the body for its approval without appearing on the printed floor calendar, with the approval of the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Speaker. The representative seeking such approval shall request the permission of the Majority and Minority Leaders and then during the floor session indicate, by activating their recognition light, that he or she has such a matter to present before the body. The resolution or bill will then be presented to the House clerk who shall proceed to present the matter to the Speaker who will bring it before the body for a voice vote. At the request of the prime sponsor and in the discretion of the Speaker, the clerk may be instructed to read the resolution to the body.

(9) In addition to the provisions allowing for "Immediate Consideration" of routine, ceremonial or non-controversial bills or resolutions, there shall also be a consent calendar on which may be entered such bills and resolutions as the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader, or their designees, shall agree upon. Matters of substance shall be placed on the regular calendar and be fully debated and considered by the membership according to these rules. No bill or resolution shall be included on the consent calendar on the date the consent calendar is moved unless copies of the consent calendar in the form as it is intended to move and the same have been made available to the membership no later than two (2) legislative days prior to the day on which the consent calendar shall be proposed to be moved. At the request of a member any bill or resolution may be removed from those included in the motion if the Speaker so orders. All bills and resolutions designated for action on the consent calendar shall be passed on motion without discussion unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage, a member requests removal of a bill or resolution from the consent calendar in which case such bill or resolution may be so removed and placed on then regular calendar. Any bill or resolution appropriate for placement on the consent calendar under these rules but so removed shall be placed on the regular calendar for the same day and shall be considered as having appeared on the regular calendar for a period of time equivalent to that during which it appeared on the consent calendar.

(10) (a) A member may claim the floor on a question of personal privilege for no more than five (5) minutes to reply to criticism, or to discuss anything clearly derogatory, or which reflects upon his or her character, or upon the House in general, that appears in the press or other public medium, but not to discuss favorable references to himself or herself.

(b) No member is permitted to attack another member of the House personally, nor to make false statements about, or question the integrity of, another member.

Rules Pertaining to Committees

(11)(a) The following standing committees shall be appointed each year in the month of January or as soon as convenient after the adoption of the House Rules:

- A committee on corporations
- A committee on environment and natural resources
- A committee on finance
- A committee on health, education and welfare
- A committee on judiciary
- A committee on labor
- A committee on municipal government
- A committee on rules
- A committee on oversight
- A committee on small business
- A committee on veterans' affairs.

(b) The Speaker shall appoint all standing committees and create such other subcommittees and committees as may be required from time to time and appoint thereto. All subcommittees and committees shall have proportionate minority membership when feasible. The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, shall be the appointing authority for minority membership on standing committees and subcommittees thereof, joint committees, boards and commissions. All vacancies occurring in any committee and subcommittee after they have once been named shall be filled in like manner by the Speaker. The Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader shall be ex officio members with voting rights of all House committees but shall not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. The Speaker shall have the authority to appoint the chair, first vice chair and second vice chair of each committee. In the event that the chair of a committee is unable to serve due to incapacity for medical or other reasons, the Speaker may appoint an acting chair for the period of such incapacity, which acting chair shall have all of the powers and duties of the chair. The chair shall determine all questions of procedure before the committee in cases not provided for in these rules.

(c) A committee shall not consider any bill in the absence of a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the committee's membership.

(d) All committee meetings shall be open to the public, but public participation shall be limited to testimony on the matters before the committee. The chair of any committee shall have the authority to limit the length of a witness's testimony in order to afford all witnesses the opportunity to be heard, to limit repetitiveness and duplication, or to maintain order and decorum.

(e) It shall be the duty of the committee on finance to take into consideration all propositions relative to the revenue, to inquire into the state of the public debt and to report from time to time their opinion thereon and such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.

(f) Upon introduction of the annual state budget to the House on behalf of the Governor, the budget shall be referred to the finance committee. Within two (2) weeks following receipt thereof, the finance committee's fiscal advisor shall provide to each member of the House a concise summary of budget issues. Within three (3) weeks following the receipt of the budget, the committee shall schedule such meetings as it deems necessary to receive comment on the budget as a whole from all House members who wish to appear before it for that purpose.

(g) The Speaker may appoint from time to time subcommittees of a given standing committee, which shall consist only of members of the committee from which it was appointed. The chair of each standing committee shall be considered a member of each subcommittee of such committee. Each subcommittee may hear testimony on bills and resolutions falling within the subject matter of its charge and shall report to the committee from which it was appointed. Subcommittees will otherwise conduct themselves in conformity with these rules. The Speaker shall appoint the chair of each subcommittee.

(12)(a) Committees shall take into consideration all such petitions, resolves, bills, matters or things as may be referred to them by the House with power to report by bill or otherwise; provided, however, that committees shall, whenever possible, consider all bills of substantially the same or of a similar nature at the same time in a manner that is otherwise in conformity with these rules.

(i) Any bill filed before or after the 40th legislative day, but subsequent to the hearing of a group of bills on the same subject matter pursuant to Rule 12(a) may or may not be assigned for hearing if it appears from the subject matter that the issues presented would be substantially similar to those matters already heard, even if a bill hearing request is filed pursuant to Rule 12(e). If heard, the chair of any committees may limit the testimony to those issues not addressed by the previous bill hearing.

(b) A committee shall not consider any public bill or resolution not previously distributed in print or electronically to its members except by a vote of the majority of the members of the committee.

(c) The Chair of every committee shall post, in print and electronically, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to any committee meeting, a list by number and title of the bills and resolutions to be heard at that meeting. Such postings shall be made electronically and on the Legislative Data Bulletin Board. The electronic posting shall be considered the official date of the posting. In the event that the electronic posting system is inoperable then the official posting shall be posted on the Legislative Data Bulletin Board. The Chair shall limit such listings to the number of bills or resolutions he or she reasonably expects can be taken up by the committee at that meeting. Any bill or resolution so posted which the committee is not able to take up at the stated meeting must be re-posted as stated above. Such postings shall be made electronically, and on the Legislative Data bulletin board. Copies of all posted bills or resolutions shall be provided in print or electronically to all committee members and principal sponsors. A committee shall not hear any said bill or resolution without such notice except by the consent of a majority of its members and with at least one (1) day's notification to the principal House sponsor. The sponsor may, however, waive such one-day notification. The time requirements of this section shall not apply to House bills returned from the Senate with amendment, or, after the 50th legislative day (May 10, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and May 9, 2018 (for the 2018 session), to any bill originating in the Senate.

(d) Every standing committee shall meet at least once weekly if any requests for hearings on or consideration of bills or resolutions are pending before it. The right to be heard on any such bill or resolution may be granted, upon written or electronic request, to the principal sponsor as provided in these rules. No committee shall hear more than thirty (30) bills (exclusive of city and town bills, corporate charter reinstatement bills, those to be placed on the consent calendar, and duplicate senate bills that have previously passed) at any one (1) meeting.

(e) Upon receipt of a written request from the principal House sponsor of a bill or resolution, a copy of which is to be given to the recording clerk of the committee, the committee shall grant to said principal House sponsor a hearing on any said bill or resolution within thirty (30) calendar days of the request, subject to Rule 12(a), and provided further, that said committee shall grant to the principal House sponsor consideration of his or her bill or resolution prior to the deadline for committee action on such bill or resolution, also subject to Rule 12(a). The principal sponsor, with the concurrence of the Chair, may cancel a scheduled hearing with twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the Chair, which notice shall be posted electronically. The Chair may cancel a bill hearing at any time, with the approval of the Speaker if in the Chair's discretion the bill is not ready to be heard in the committee. A hearing postponed twice at the sponsor's request need not be re-scheduled, and shall also be subject to Rule 12(a). For the purpose of the rule, consideration shall mean a majority vote on one (1) of the following:

- (i) a motion to report the bill or resolution to the House with a recommendation of passage;
- (ii) a motion to report the bill or resolution as amended, or in substitute form, to the House with a recommendation of passage; or
- (iii) a motion to report the bill or resolution to the House without recommendation; or
- (iv) a motion to report the bill or resolution to the House with a recommendation of no passage; or
- (v) a motion to report the bill or resolution to the House with a recommendation that it be held for further study. In the event of a tie vote on any of the motions specified in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) hereof, the bill or resolution shall be lost. The originals of bills or resolutions which have failed in committee shall be transmitted by the committee clerks to the Secretary of State for the State Archives, with an appropriate notation thereon at the time specified in R.I.G.L.

(f) Committee Chairs shall bring reports of committee actions to the floor no later than two (2) weeks following the committee votes thereon, provided that this shall not apply to the Committee on Finance, nor shall it apply to bills being held for further study under subdivision (e)(v). A committee member may move reconsideration of any vote taken under Rule 12(e)(i)-(iv) so long as the bill or resolution which was the subject of the vote remains in the possession of the committee and that the motion is made by a member voting in the majority. A motion to reconsider in committee shall not be debated. Bills or resolutions concerning appropriations, revenue or expenditures shall not be subject to the above time limits.

(g) In the event a committee fails to afford consideration to any bill or resolution within the prescribed time where such consideration has been properly requested, and where no other exceptions or considerations apply by the rules herein, the principal sponsor may report such failure in writing to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker thereupon may order the immediate discharge of the bill or resolution from a committee to the House floor.

(h) All bills or resolutions reported from committee shall be placed on the calendar or, pursuant to the restrictions of these rules, on the consent calendar for the required period of time according to these rules before House consideration. Bills and resolutions reported from committees and received by the Clerk of the House prior to the convening of the session on a given legislative day shall be deemed to have been received, and therefore in order to be placed upon the appropriate calendar, as of that day. Bills and resolutions so received after the convening of the session on a given legislative day shall be deemed to have been received, and therefore in order to be placed upon the appropriate calendar, on the next legislative day and shall be considered a part of that day's business. House Rule 12(e) regarding the necessity to hold a hearing at the sponsor's request through 12(h) pertaining to the timing of placing a bill onto the floor calendar shall not apply to any bill or resolution which shall have originated in the Senate.

(i) No public bill or resolution which originated in the House shall be considered by a House committee unless the committee has held a hearing on that bill or resolution by April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and on or before April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session), and thereafter the committees of the House shall not consider public bills or resolutions except those which have been acted upon by the Senate and transmitted by the Senate to the House of Representatives, provided however, that the committee on finance may hear and consider such House bills, acts or resolutions as it deems to have a fiscal impact after April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and on or before April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session), except as provided in section (j) hereof, and provided further, that each other House committee may complete consideration of not more than three (3) House bills or resolutions after said date, on which such committee had not been able to complete action, upon approval by the Speaker of a written request from the Chair. All such requests must be filed with the Clerk of the House no later than April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and on or before April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session). The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to House bills of which Senate duplicates have passed the House.

(j) No House bill which relates to an individual's pension or retirement shall be accepted as a committee report from the committee on finance unless it shall have been considered by the committee on or before April 13, 2017 (for the 2017 session) and on or before April 12, 2018 (for the 2018 session), and shall have been heard in the committee no later than one (1) week prior to that date.

(k) Transfers –The Speaker or the Speaker's designee may direct the transfer of a bill or resolution from one committee to another at any time. The committee receiving the transferred bill or resolution must comply with the posting and time requirements of this section.

(l) Members of a committee shall, if present, cast a vote on legislation before the committee, unless prior to the discussion of the bill and vote, the member recuses himself in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Ethics, RIGL §36-14-6. The member shall sign a recusal form, and the Clerk of the Committee shall note the member's recusal on the bill vote sheet.

(13) (a) Committees shall keep a permanent record of their written submissions and of their voting tally sheets, and the same shall be public records and available to any member and to any person within two (2) legislative days upon written request.

(b) Each committee shall file with the Clerk of the House and with legislative data services a list of all measures on which formal action was taken and a copy of the recorded vote tally on each such measure.

(c) The Speaker shall formulate a plan for the publication of committee votes and work to implement the plan so committee votes appear online in a prominent and conspicuous location on the General Assembly website prior to the floor votes of the bill occurring.

(d) The Speaker, wherever feasible with the confines of existing room availability and personnel levels, shall direct Capitol Television to broadcast committee hearings live on Capitol Television or, in the instance where committees are meeting on the same day and time, record the hearings for broadcast on a delayed basis. Committee hearings dealing with the expenditure of public funds shall be given priority for live broadcast. Chairs of the various committees are authorized to make a request of the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, to broadcast their respective committee hearings on Capitol Television if they believe an agenda item is of particular importance or interest.

(e) All committee hearings shall be audio recorded.

Rules Pertaining to Bills and Petitions

(14)(a) No bill or resolution shall be considered or acted upon by the House if objection is made unless the same has been considered by, reported, or recalled from a committee thereof, from a joint committee, or by two-thirds (2/3) of members present. This rule shall not apply to a House Bill of which the Senate duplicate has passed the House, and provided further that the Speaker may at any time order a duplicate bill received from the Senate or a Senate bill after the budget bill shall have passed the House, onto the calendar.

(b) When a bill or resolution is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.

(c) No bill or resolution shall be passed or concurred in without two (2) readings. The first reading shall take place by acceptance of the bill or resolution and publication in the House Journal and the second after it has been placed upon the calendar. No bill or resolution upon the calendar shall be taken up for consideration unless copies thereof, in the form in which it was reported from committee, shall have been made available in print or electronically to the members no later than the rise of the House on the legislative day before the day on which it shall be in order for consideration. No matter of business on the calendar shall be considered upon its merits prior to the legislative day after it shall have been placed on the calendar except by vote of the majority of the members present and voting. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Senate bills received by the House which are duplicates of House bills. Those bills passing out of committee on the last legislative day of the week shall be in order for placement on the calendar or consent calendar as early as the first legislative day of the next week.

(d) No more than fifty (50) public bills shall be considered upon their merits during any one (1) legislative day and no bill shall be brought before the body after 10:30 p.m., provided, however, that House bills returned from the Senate, Senate bills which are duplicates of and identical to House bills, corporate charter revocation bills, and solemnization of marriage bills and bills removed from the consent calendar may be considered notwithstanding this limit. Provided further, that Senate bills which are duplicates of and identical to House bills, and House bills returned from the Senate, may without objection be bundled and passed by one vote provided that they are provided to members electronically prior to consideration. In the case of bundled bills that contain identical and duplicate Senate bills, at the request of the Majority and Minority Leaders the House journal will reflect that the vote of the members on the bill is consistent with his or her vote on the duplicate House bill previously passed. Prior to the vote on a duplicate bill, it should be stated for the record and be made known to the body that the bill is identical.

(e) The budget bill shall be prepared by Legislative Council. The budget bill shall not be considered by the House unless copies thereof as approved by the finance committee have been available to the members for seven (7) calendar days. For the purposes of calculating the seven (7) day requirement, the day of passage by the Finance Committee shall not be counted but the scheduled day for floor action shall be included in the calculation. No amendment which is intended to make a substantive change in the budget bill may be offered other than by the Chair of the finance committee, except with the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, unless the text thereof shall have been submitted to the Legislative Council and made available to the members not less than two (2) calendar days prior to the day on which the budget bill shall be in order for consideration.

(f) An amendment which was germane when prepared, and which was offered in a timely fashion, but is no longer germane because of an intervening amendment, may, with the agreement of the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, be revised orally or in writing by the sponsor without renewed compliance with the requirements hereof.

(g) After the 50th legislative day, bills or resolutions received back from the Senate with amendments requiring House concurrence shall, with the agreement of the House sponsor and the Majority Leader, be placed on the calendar in order for the day upon which they are received or any day thereafter.

(15)(a) There shall be attached to every public bill or resolution when first introduced an explanation of such bill or resolution indicating the proposed changes, and/or the statute or existing law which such bill or resolution purports to amend.

(b) When any bill or resolution is offered which is intended to amend any part or parts of an existing statute, or the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, or the House Rules, any part or parts intended to be stricken shall be contained in the bill or resolution and shall be crossed out. All new matter contained in the bill or resolution shall be underlined, so that the new matter may be easily discerned. Existing language not intended to be amended shall be reproduced without change. In the discretion of Legislative Council in drafting a bill pursuant to section (d) of this rule, or upon the request for a Sub A

from the Chair of the committee where the bill is assigned, additional sections of law that are not being amended may be included in the explanation to the bill to add context to the changes made in the statutes the bill amends.

(c) “Public bill” shall include all bills or resolutions which in any way have general application throughout the state or which are of a nature for which the constitution requires special treatment, and bills which relate to an individual’s pension or retirement benefits. Bills or resolutions of a private or local nature shall not be considered “Public bills” and shall include: those which pertain to a particular city or town or local entity; those making claims against the state; those which pertain to private corporation charters and amendments thereto and restoration thereof, and to amendments to authorize holdings by non-profit organizations of a charitable, civic, library or like nature; resolutions memorializing congress, or of congratulations or expressing sympathy or condolences; resolutions requesting the several departments of state government to grant some privilege, consideration or relief; and others of like private and local nature.

(d) All bills and resolutions, private as well as public, and all proposed amendments thereto, shall be prepared by the Legislative Council, and the Clerk of the House may decline to accept for introduction any bill, resolution or transmittal not in conformity herewith. Once introduced and referred, all bills and resolutions shall be printed and made available electronically, except resolutions of congratulation and condolence. The Legislative Council may decline to accept for drafting any proposal for an amendment submitted to it later than 3 p.m. on the day on which the bill or resolution to be amended is to be heard, provided that the Speaker or his or her designee may waive this restriction.

(e) All bills and resolutions which have been introduced at the request of one of the general officers or any department or agency or from the judicial branch shall bear a stamp or designation indicating such request.

(i) Upon presentation of testimony before a committee, the prime sponsor of a bill or resolution shall provide to the committee the name of any individual, group or organization responsible for the substantive basis or text of the bill.

(f) A prime sponsor may withdraw a bill or resolution previously introduced at any time, upon written request to the Clerk of the House on a form which the Clerk of the House shall provide.

(g)(i) In the event a bill is amended or substituted by a committee for floor action, the sponsor or sponsors of that bill may elect, in writing, to have their names disassociated from said bill and the committee report shall reflect this election and it shall be reflected in the House journal.

(ii) A co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his or her name from a bill or resolution at any time prior to its passage upon written notice to the clerk. If the co-sponsor is listed electronically as one of the sponsors, such change in sponsorship shall be amended online as well as reflected in the House journal.

(iii) A member may request of the Speaker to be listed as a co-sponsor on any bill or resolution assigned to any committee, provided that the member makes the request of the Speaker and actually signs the bill prior to the first hearing on the bill in committee.

(h)(i) A bill or resolution may be pre-filed by any member or member-elect with the Clerk of the House at any time from November 15 to the day prior to the commencement of the regular annual session. The clerk shall order it printed by Legislative Council, and make it available for the first reading on the second day of the succeeding session.

(ii) Only the bills or resolutions filed by members elected and qualified shall receive the first reading.

(iii) In the event that any member or member-elect shall die after filing and before the first reading, the death of the member or member-elect shall constitute automatic withdrawal of said bill or resolution; provided, however, that where a bill or resolution shall have had more than one sponsor, said bill or resolution and number shall not be withdrawn and the member whose name appears second on the bill or resolution shall become the prime sponsor.

(16) No measure without a body or substantive content shall be accepted at any time, nor shall a substitute bill be accepted which is not consistent with the title and substance of the original bill. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

(17)(a) No amendment to a pending bill or resolution may be considered by the House, except by unanimous consent, unless the text of the amendment shall be on the desks of the members in typed form or accessible electronically.

(b) When an amendment proposed to any pending measure is laid on the table, it shall not be construed to be a motion to table the measure on which the amendment has been offered.

(c) The motion to lay on the table and the motion to take from the table shall be non-debatable; provided, however, that the mover of an amendment shall be allowed two (2) minutes to reply when a motion is made to table his or her amendment; whereupon the Speaker shall put forward the question on the motion to table.

(18) Amendments, articles or sections of the State budget shall concern only appropriations, expenditures, revenue or matters related thereto.

(19) Except with respect to present and former members of the General Assembly, general officers, members of the judiciary, and elected state and federal officials, all expressions in the nature of condolences and in the nature of congratulations may be presented in omnibus resolutions which shall not require concurrent action and which, upon passage, shall be forthwith transmitted to the Secretary of State.

(20)(a) No petition to discharge a bill or resolution from Committee shall be appropriate for presentation until after the fiftieth (50th) legislative day and until the bill or resolution shall have been in the possession of the Committee for no less than sixteen (16) legislative days. On any day after those requirements have been met, the prime sponsor of a bill or resolution may present a petition in writing to discharge the committee from further consideration of a public bill or resolution which has been referred to a committee, and by no other procedure, but only one petition may be presented for a public bill or resolution during the course of a session. The petition shall be placed in the custody of the recording clerk of the House who shall arrange some convenient place for the signatures of the members to be placed thereon in the presence of the recording clerk. A signature may be withdrawn by a member at any time before the petition receives sufficient signatures to become effective, and such petitions shall become effective, and shall serve to discharge a committee from further consideration of the public bill or resolution and shall cause said public bill or resolution to be placed upon the calendar for action, when any thirty-eight (38) representatives shall have affixed their signatures thereto, provided, however, that if, after the bill or resolution is calendared but before it is taken up, enough signatures are withdrawn so that the number of effective signatures falls below thirty-eight (38), the bill or resolution shall pass off the calendar.

(b) At the time the petition is properly submitted to the clerk of the House, a notation shall be added to the bill status/history section for that particular legislation as it appears online.

(c) During House consideration of any discharged public bill or resolution, no motion to recommit or lay on the table shall be entertained by the Speaker until every member desiring to be heard has been recognized.

(21) No vote or act which has been passed by the House shall be sent by the clerk to the Senate or to the Governor before the expiration of the time limit for its reconsideration, except where the Speaker has ordered the transmittal and no objection is stated by a member, or in a case where an objection is stated the objection to transmittal is supported by a majority of those members who voted on the matter

Rules Pertaining to Decorum and Debates

(22) When any member desires to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the House, the member shall activate his or her recognition button, and when recognized from the rostrum rise and proceed by respectfully addressing the Speaker. Debate shall be confined to the matter before the House. No member shall be permitted to ask, nor shall the Speaker entertain, any question not directly related to the matter before the House.

(23) When two (2) or more members seek to be recognized as indicated by activation of their recognition buttons, the Speaker shall select the member who is to speak first.

(24) No member, exclusive of the Majority and Minority Leaders, the principal sponsor or floor manager, or the chair of the committee from which the bill or resolution was reported, shall speak more than twice to the same question without the leave of the House, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, nor for longer than five (5) minutes without the leave of the House.

(25) If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses any rule of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him or her to order, in which case the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted by the Speaker to continue and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case but without debate. If the reading of any printed or written paper be objected to, it shall be determined by the Speaker, and the House, if appealed to.

(26) While the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, or when a member is speaking, none shall entertain private discourse in person or by phone, nor walk between the member who is addressing the Speaker and the chair. At no time while the House is in session on the floor or in committee shall any person use cell phones or cause disruption by any other means.

(27) When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or, being in writing, shall be handed to the Speaker and read by the Clerk of the House before debate. Any motion shall be reduced to writing before debate whenever the Speaker shall so direct.

(28) Any bill or resolution of more than one section shall be passed upon by section, at the request of any member. With the leave of the Speaker, a section that is susceptible of division shall be divided and put separately upon the propositions of which it is compounded, but a motion to strike out and substitute shall not be divided.

(29) After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, but any motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

(30) When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except: to adjourn, for the previous question, to take a recess, to lay on the table, to fix a time for closing debate, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to recommit, or to amend. The motions for any of the above actions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged.

(31) When a time for a meeting of the House shall have been previously fixed upon, a motion to adjourn shall be always in order. Motions to take from the table, to reconsider, for the previous question, to take a recess, to adjourn, and for the vote, shall be decided without debate. Motions to lay on the table shall also be non-debatable except that the mover of an amendment shall be allowed two (2) minutes to reply when a motion is made to table his or her amendment as referenced in Rule 17(c).

(32) No member shall vote on any question of private property in the event of which he or she is immediately and particularly interested.

(33)(a) No member shall speak or vote, unless within the bar of the House and at his or her seat, except as hereinafter provided. No member may vote for a member, nor activate another member's voting machine except by express direction of that member who is present in the House chamber. No one may occupy the vacant seat of a member. Every member who shall be in his or her seat or in the House Chamber when the question is put, shall give his or her vote, unless prior thereto the Speaker shall have excused him or her in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Ethics statute (RIGL 36-14-6). Members seeking to recuse themselves on legislation before the full House must file a written request for recusal, if they are present when the House takes action on a bill, and the journal shall reflect such recusal with the letter "R." No member may vote for another member, nor activate another member's voting machine except by the express direction of that member who is present in the House chamber. No one may occupy the vacant seat of a member.

(b) When a violation of Rule 33(a) in regard to voting is alleged in writing by a member, the Speaker may refer said written allegation to the House Rules Committee to investigate, hold hearings, ascertain the facts and report its findings and recommendation to the House, which may then take appropriate action including but not limited to expulsion as authorized by Article 6, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State.

(c) The electronic voting machine of any member not present when the quorum is called shall remain locked until the member has notified the reading clerk of his or her presence. Upon late arrival but prior to adjournment, a member may report his or her presence to the reading clerk which shall be recorded in the journal.

(d) Any member who leaves the floor before adjournment for the remainder of that day's session shall report to the reading clerk prior to his or her departure. The reading clerk will then lock the electronic voting machine of that member.

(34)(a) The electronic voting system may be used to record attendance and quorums, and shall be used to record all votes on public bills and votes on rule changes and suspensions. It shall be used for other votes by request of a member at the discretion of the Speaker. The results of all votes recorded electronically shall be reported in both the House journal and, as it pertains to votes on bills, reflected in a prominent and conspicuous place on the General Assembly website. The procedure for the recording of such votes online shall be determined by the Speaker and reported to the body.

(b) In the event the machine is not to be used or is not operating properly, all votes and other determinations may be taken as otherwise required by House rules, either by voice vote, division vote or by calling the roll alphabetically and recording the ayes and nays. If a member's voting device is out of order, he or she shall rise and announce it to the presiding officer and call his or her vote orally prior to the declaration of the result of the vote. Every member may vote providing he or she is in the chamber of the House at the time the vote is in progress and before the machine is locked.

(c) The electronic voting system shall be under the control of the presiding officer and shall be operated by such personnel as the Speaker of the House so designates. At a reasonable time, prior

to any vote being taken, the presiding officer shall announce that a vote is about to be taken. When any member other than the Speaker of the House is presiding, he or she shall direct the voting clerk to record his or her vote as if cast at his or her voting station. Until the completion of the voting, no member shall be recognized, and no other business shall be transacted.

(d) When sufficient time has elapsed for each member to vote, the presiding officer shall order the machine locked and activate the recording process. When the vote is completely recorded, the clerk shall advise the presiding officer of the result; and the presiding officer shall announce the result to the House and the result shall be recorded in the journal. No vote may be changed after the system has been locked and the vote recorded, unless a member requests a change, without objection from any other member, during the same session that the vote has been recorded.

(e) When a division is called for, those in the affirmative or the negative, as the case may be, shall cast their votes accordingly and the voting clerk shall activate the recording equipment so as to reflect only the numerical count. When the vote is completely recorded, the clerk shall advise the presiding officer of the result; and the presiding officer shall announce the result to the House. (In the event the electronic voting system is not operating properly, the division vote shall be conducted as otherwise provided in House rules).

(f) After the question has been put, but before the system is locked, any member may call for a statement of the question.

(g) While the presiding officer is putting the question, or the vote is being recorded, no member shall speak or leave his or her place. After a vote has been ordered there shall be no debate whatever.

(h) In case of a tie vote the question shall be lost.

(35) There shall be a motion for the previous question, also known as moving the question, which shall always be in order and which shall not be debated, and which may be moved and ordered upon any bill or section thereof, amendment, motion, resolution or question which is debatable, any of which shall be considered as the main question for the purpose of applying the previous question. When a motion for the previous question has been made, no other motion shall be entertained by the Speaker until it has been put to the House and decided. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion for the previous question has been made, and before the vote has been taken on the main question, shall be decided whether on appeal or otherwise without debate. When the previous question has been ordered, a motion to reconsider such vote shall not be in order, and no motion to adjourn or take a recess while a quorum is present shall be entertained between the taking of such vote and the taking of the vote on the main question. Ten (10) minutes shall be allowed for further debate upon the main question during which no member shall speak more than three (3) minutes, and a further period of ten (10) minutes, if desired, shall be allowed for debate to the member introducing the bill or question to be acted upon, or to the member or members to whom he or she may yield the floor, at the close of which time, or at the close of the first ten (10) minutes, in case the introducer does not desire to so use his or her time, the vote on the main question shall be taken. If incidental questions of order are raised after the previous question has been ordered, the time occupied in deciding such question shall be deducted from the time allowed for debate.

(36) When any vote is passed, any member voting in the majority may move to reconsider on the same of a subsequent legislative day, if the matter has not been previously transmitted to the proper party. A motion to reconsider shall not be debated and once a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the motion itself shall not be reconsidered.

(37)(a) The presiding officer may refer to "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure," most recent edition, published by the National Conference of State Legislatures, for guidance as to procedure on the floor of the House in all cases in which its provisions are not inconsistent with applicable law or these rules.

(b) A point of order is the parliamentary device used to require a deliberative body to observe its own rules and to follow established parliamentary practice. A point of order is proper during a floor debate when a member questions whether there has been a breach of order or of the rules. The person speaking at the time a point of order is raised, shall be instructed by the presiding officer to stop speaking until the point of order is stated and the issue is resolved. The Speaker shall not entertain one point of order while another is pending. A point of order must be raised at the time the particular question is pending. No member shall be permitted to present argument under the guise of a point of order, a point of parliamentary inquiry, or a question. No member shall resort to persistent irrelevance or persistent repetition.

Rules Pertaining to Admission to the Floor

(38)(a) No person or persons, except currently elected members of the general assembly, legislative

staff assigned by the Speaker or Minority Leader and authorized representatives of the public press shall be admitted to the floor of the House during the session thereof, except by the approval of the Speaker for a designated purpose. The Speaker may make special provision for admission to the floor of the House during the session thereof for persons, who by reason of disability, are unable to gain access to the House galleries. All persons so admitted by the Speaker to the floor of the House during the session thereof shall be present for the sole purpose of observing the proceedings of the House and shall remain seated, refrain from conversation, and maintain the decorum of the House. No person so admitted shall contact, address, speak or gesture to, or communicate in any way with any House member while present on the floor of the House. No person on the floor of the chamber shall dress in a manner offensive to the decorum of the House. Any House member who observes conduct in violation of the House Rules shall immediately notify the Speaker thereof and the Speaker shall forthwith take appropriate corrective action and may order the removal of the offending person.

(b) During House sessions, admission to the House lounge is limited to currently serving members, and staff of the General Assembly authorized by the Speaker

(c) Complimentary items, souvenirs and gifts of food shall not be placed upon members' desks nor delivered to the floor of the House or to members' mailboxes.

(39) Authorized representatives of the public press may be admitted by the Speaker to the floor of the House and assigned seats under such regulations as he or she may from time to time prescribe. Such press representatives as shall be admitted shall have no privilege upon the floor other than to pass to and from the seats assigned to them.

Miscellaneous Rules

(40) In the event of the calling of an extraordinary session of the General Assembly by the Governor, or a reconvened session by the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, said session shall be conducted pursuant to the foregoing rules; provided, however, that the requirement for prior posting of bills by committees, the limitation on consideration of House bills by House committees, the prohibition on reading a bill a second time on the same day it was given first reading and the two (2) day calendar requirement and the deadline for new introductions shall not be applicable during such extraordinary sessions, and provided further that any bill or resolution for consideration of which the session is called shall have been provided electronically to the members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the opening of the session.

(41) The procedure to be followed in consideration by the House of a motion to override the Governor's veto of a bill or resolution (whether at an extraordinary or reconvened session as contemplated in Rule 40 or at a regular session of the House) shall be as follows: The Governor's objections to the bill or resolution shall be entered into upon the House Journal as required by the Rhode Island Constitution, Article 9, Section 14. The Governor's objections shall be made available to the members in written form or electronically, and upon the request of any member shall be read aloud by the Clerk of the House. Each of the following: the prime sponsor of the bill (in the case of a House bill), the Minority Leader and the Majority Leader may, if he or she wishes, and in the order specified, speak for no more than five (5) minutes. Thereupon the House shall immediately proceed to a vote as prescribed in the Rhode Island Constitution, Article 9, Section 14, and such vote once taken shall not be the subject of a motion to reconsider. If the bill or resolution shall have passed notwithstanding the veto of the Governor, the same shall be immediately transmitted to the Senate or to the Secretary of State as may be appropriate.

(42)(a) Once adopted by a majority of the body present and voting, no rule shall be repealed or amended, except by two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting.

(b) A rule may be temporarily suspended with the consent of the Majority and Minority Leaders or by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting except that in no case shall the rules pertaining to the recording of votes be suspended. At the time a rule or rules are temporarily suspended, the duration of time that the rule shall be suspended shall clearly be stated to the body and recorded in the House journal. The application of this rule as it pertains to the temporary suspension of the rules shall not be subject to amendment or repeal. Any motion to repeal, amend or suspend any rule shall be a debatable motion under these rules.

(c) At the beginning of a legislative session, the rules of the previous legislative session shall remain in full force and effect until the permanent rules of the House for the current session have been prepared, presented, debated and adopted by a majority vote of the House. Any member at the beginning of a legislative session who was not a member at the time of the adoption of the rules shall be provided with a copy of the rules.

(43) Within a reasonable time of the House adopting its rules, the rules will be posted on the House website.

(44) The Speaker shall designate a staff member who shall be responsible for providing any Representative, who shall request in writing, with a dvd copy of any of any proceeding of the General Assembly that has been broadcast on Capitol Television within two (2) business days of receiving the request.

Establishment of Caucuses

(45)(a) Members of the House may establish affiliate groups to be known as "Caucuses."

(b) Membership in any said Caucus is limited to duly elected members of the House. No party, person, nor organization who is not a duly elected member of the House shall be involved in nor be allowed to join nor participate in any manner in the business of the Caucus except staff members authorized by the highest ranking member present at the majority party caucus and by the highest ranking member present at the minority party caucus.

(c) Membership in any said Caucus is open to those who are primarily in said affiliate group, but should not necessarily be closed to other House members.

(d) Notwithstanding 45(c): (1) Any Caucus organized around a political party affiliation is limited solely to those House members who belong to said party, provided that any member elected to the House as an Independent may caucus with any party, but not more than one party, and not before submitting written communication to the House announcing such intention. The party for which the Independent member wishes to caucus with shall not be obligated to accept the Independent into the caucus, and if permission is so denied, shall communicate that decision to the House clerk within seven (7) days of the Independent member's notification to the House. The Speaker shall make such determination for the majority party caucus, and the Minority Leader shall make such decision for the minority party caucus. The Independent then may seek admission to any other party for purposes of joining a caucus. (2) Any Caucus organized around a county and/or municipal affiliation is limited solely to those House members who represent said county and or municipality.

(e) The duties of each Caucus shall be to provide a common association and opportunity for members to interact with each other and to address concerns and to act as a positive body to implement legislation, initiatives, suggestions and other forms of action on issues of common interest to the membership.

(f) The governing body of any Caucus is limited to a chairperson and vice chairperson and any member of the Caucus shall be eligible to hold any office.

(g) The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

(1) Chairperson:

(i) To preside over all meetings of the Caucus;

(ii) To provide an agenda for each meeting to those attending; and

(iii) To conduct the annual election of officers.

(2) Vice Chairperson:

(i) To assume duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence; and

(ii) To conduct all votes, notwithstanding 45(g)(1)(iii), at meetings.

(h) Office holders shall be elected by a simple majority of a quorum vote by the body for a two (2) - year term.

(i) In the event an officer cannot fulfill his or her term, the following rules shall apply:

(1) A vacancy in the Chairperson's office shall be filled by the Vice Chairperson.

(2) A vacancy in the Vice-Chairperson's office shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the membership of the Caucus.

(3) The term of the replaced officers shall begin immediately and shall terminate upon the regular election of new officers.

(j) A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the current membership of the Caucus.

(k) No budget shall be appropriated for any Caucus nor shall any Caucus engage in the raising of funds nor in-kind donations to pay for any of its activities.

(l) All caucuses shall be established by written notification to the Speaker or his/her designee with all elections being held one month after the establishment. The two (2) - year election term shall run from the date of said election.

(m) Rules 45(f), 45(g), 45(h), and 45(i) shall not apply to political party caucuses.

RHODE ISLAND
JUDICIARY

Paul A. Suttell

Supreme Court

Chief Justice



Supreme Court

The Supreme Court consists of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices. As the court of last resort, the Supreme Court is the final interpreter of state law. The Supreme Court has final appellate jurisdiction over questions of law and equity, supervisory powers over other state courts and general advisory responsibility to the Legislative and Executive branches of state government concerning the constitutionality of state laws. Regulating admission to the Rhode Island Bar and disciplining its members are also responsibilities of the court.

For further information regarding the courts please visit www.courts.ri.gov or call the Office of Community Outreach/Public Relations at 401-222-4580.

General Information

Frank Licht Judicial Complex
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Supreme Court Judges

Associate Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg
Associate Justice Francis X. Flaherty
Associate Justice William P. Robinson, III
Associate Justice Gilbert V. Indeglia

Alice Bridget Gibney

Superior Court

Presiding Justice



Superior Court

The Superior Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction. It has original jurisdiction over all civil actions at law involving title interest in real estate except landlord and tenant actions, equity proceedings and all other civil matters involving claims in excess of \$10,000. The Superior Court has original jurisdiction over all crimes and offenses, both felonies and misdemeanors, except as otherwise provided by law.

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General Information

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Superior Court Judges

Presiding Justice Alice Bridget Gibney
Associate Justice Robert D. Krause
Associate Justice Melanie Wilk Thunberg
Associate Justice Michael A. Silverstein
Associate Justice Netti C. Vogel
Associate Justice Stephen P. Nugent
Associate Justice Susan E. McGuirl
Associate Justice Daniel A. Procaccini
Associate Justice Jeffrey A. Lanphear
Associate Justice Allen P. Rubine
Associate Justice William E. Carnes, Jr.
Associate Justice Bennett R. Gallo
Associate Justice Kristin E. Rodgers
Associate Justice Brian P. Stern

Associate Justice Walter R. Stone
Associate Justice Sarah Taft-Carter
Associate Justice Brian Van Cuyghen
Associate Justice Luis M. Matos
Associate Justice Joseph A. Montalbano
Associate Justice Richard A. Licht
Associate Justice Maureen B. Keough
Associate Justice (Vacant)
General Magistrate Patricia L. Harwood
Special Magistrate Patrick T. Burke
Magistrate John F. McBurney, III
Magistrate John J. Flynn

Michael B. Forte

Family Court

Chief Judge



Family Court

The Family Court has jurisdiction over matters relating to delinquent, wayward, dependent, neglected, abused, mentally deficient, or disordered children. The Family Court also hears and determines all petitions for guardianship of any child who has been placed in the care, custody and control of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. The court also has jurisdiction over adoptions, child marriages, paternity proceedings, matters involving domestic relations, juveniles, and all matters relating to the enforcement of laws regulating childcare providers and child placing agencies.

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General Information

Garrahy Judicial Complex
1 Dorrance Plz.
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Family Court Judges

Chief Judge Michael B. Forte
Associate Justice Stephen J. Capineri
Associate Justice Laureen D’Ambra
Associate Justice Debra E. DiSegna
Associate Justice John E. McCann, III
Associate Justice Karen Lynch Bernard
Associate Justice Patricia K. Asquith
Associate Justice Sandra Lanni
Associate Justice Lia N. Stuhlsatz
Associate Justice Rossie L. Harris, Jr.
Associate Justice (Vacant)
Associate Justice (Vacant)

General Magistrate Feidlim Gill
Magistrate George N. DiMuro
Magistrate Jeanne L. Shepard
Magistrate Angela M. Paulhus
Magistrate Edward H. Newman
Magistrate Armando O. Monaco, II
Magistrate Charles Levesque
Magistrate Paul T. Jones, Jr.
Magistrate (Vacant)

Jeanne E. LaFazia

District Court

Chief Justice



District Court

The jurisdiction of the District Court includes small claims, violations of municipal ordinances, regulations, and misdemeanors when the right to a jury trial in the first instance has been waived. If a defendant invokes the right to a jury trial, the case is transferred to the Superior Court.

For further information regarding the courts please visit www.courts.ri.gov or call the Office of Community Outreach/Public Relations at 401-222-4580.

General Information

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District Court Judges

Chief Judge Jeanne E. LaFazia
Administrative Judge Elaine T. Bucci
Associate Judge Madeline Quirk
Associate Judge William C. Clifton
Associate Judge Rafael A. Ovalles
Associate Judge Pamela Woodcock-Pfeiffer
Associate Judge Mary E. McCaffrey
Associate Judge Anthony Capraro
Associate Judge Joseph T. Houlihan, Jr.
Associate Judge Colleen M. Hastings
Associate Judge Christine S. Jabour
Associate Judge Stephen M. Isherwood
Associate Judge James J. Caruolo
Associate Judge Brian A. Goldman
Magistrate Joseph P. Ippolito, Jr.

Robert M. Ferrieri

Workers' Compensation Court

Chief Judge



Workers' Compensation Court

The Workers' Compensation Court has jurisdiction over employers and employees relative to work related injuries, whether traumatic or occupational in nature, resulting in disability, medical and hospital expenses, scarring, loss of use, reinstatement and related issues. The court also retains jurisdiction over disputes between an insurance carrier and an employer under a workers' compensation insurance contract.

For further information regarding the courts please visit www.courts.ri.gov or call the Office of Community Outreach/Public Relations at 401-222-4580.

General Information

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Workers' Compensation Court Judges

Chief Judge Robert M. Ferrieri
Associate Judge Debra L. Olsson
Associate Judge Janette A. Bertness
Associate Judge Dianne M. Connor
Associate Judge George T. Salem, Jr.
Associate Judge Hugo L. Ricci, Jr.
Associate Judge Robert E. Hardman
Associate Judge Michael J. Feeney
Associate Judge (Vacant)
Associate Judge (Vacant)

William R. Guglietta

Traffic Tribunal

Chief Magistrate



Traffic Tribunal

The judicial process of the Traffic Tribunal begins when a ticket is issued by law enforcement. This ticket is a legal document charging the litigant with a violation and a legal summons for his or her appearance at a hearing.

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General Information

670 New London Ave.

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Traffic Tribunal Judges

Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta

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RHODE ISLAND
STATE DEPARTMENTS
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DESCRIPTION

To provide well-trained, well-led, and well-equipped mission-ready units in support of the national military and, as required, state and local officials.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Adjutant General is the strategic leader of the state military force. The Adjutant General directs the establishment, operation, organization, and maintenance of the military forces of the state, which are comprised of the Rhode Island Army and Air National Guard, as well as the State Historic Militia. The Adjutant General's primary responsibility is to ensure that soldiers and airmen are well-equipped, well-trained and well-led such that they can perform their federal and state military duties. The Adjutant General is responsible for mission readiness and training of Army and Air National Guard forces to conduct and perform their respective federal missions, which includes war fighting and support to local agencies for domestic emergencies.

PERSONNEL

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DESCRIPTION

The Department of Administration was created in 1951 to consolidate central finance, purchasing, and management functions of state government. Title 42, Chapter 11 of the Rhode Island General Laws establishes and provides for the organization and function of the Department.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of Administration provides supportive services to all Rhode Island departments and agencies for effective coordination and direction of state programs within the framework of a changing administrative and fiscal environment. The Department also provides policy direction for executive leadership in a variety of financial and administrative matters and is responsible for the statewide implementation of policy decisions affecting the organization and delivery of state run and state supported services. The Department is headed by the Director of Administration and has fourteen distinct programmatic functions. The Department's divisions include: Accounts and Control; Benefits; Bureau of Audits; Construction Permitting, Approvals and Licensing; Health Exchange; Human Resources; Information Technology (DoIT); Legal; Office of Digital Excellence (ODE); Office of Management and Budget; Operations; Planning; Purchasing; and Workers' Compensation. In July 2012, the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Digital Excellence were created. The Office of Management and Budget includes the following offices: Budget; Central Business; Performance Management; and Regulatory Reform. The Division of Operations includes: Capital Projects and Property Management; Energy Resources; Facilities Management; and Library Services. The Division of Construction Permitting, Approvals and Licensing (CPAL) includes: the Building Code Commission and Contractors' Registration Board. Additional programmatic functions include: General Appropriations; Personnel Appeal Board; Central Mail Services; Internal Services; Water Resources Board; and the RI Film & TV Office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Department of Administration provides a variety of services to a number of different customers. Some of our primary resource management services include: Accounting Services; Budgeting; Human Resources/Management Information; Technology; Purchasing; Capital Project Management; Facilities Management; Risk Management; Statewide Planning; and Legal Services. The array of customers that the Department provides services to is extensive. They include: the Governor; executive branch departments; state employees; legislature; local municipalities; higher education; judiciary; and the general public. All of our customers are truly important and we must strive each and every day to meet the needs of our diverse customer base. This is our pledge and we will work to achieve this objective every day.

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TDD: 401-691-2531
TOTAL PERSONNEL: 150

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) is a quasi-public corporation that receives no funds from the State's General Purpose fund for the operation and maintenance of any of the six airports under its jurisdiction. The RIAC is empowered to undertake the planning, development, management, acquisition, ownership, operations, repair, construction, improvement, maintenance, sale, lease, or other disposition of any "airport facility" as defined in Rhode Island General Law.

Airports: T.F. Green Airport, Warwick; North Central Airport, Smithfield; Quonset Airport, North Kingstown; Westerly Airport, Westerly; Newport Airport, Newport; Block Island Airport, Block Island.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Responsible for the regulation of aviation activity in the state.

PERSONNEL

President and CEO	Iftikhar Ahmad	401-691-2000
Senior Vice President, Operations and Maintenance	Alan Andrade	401-691-2222
General Counsel/Senior Vice President, Administration, Engineering, Planning, and Environmental	Peter A. Frazier, CM	401-691-2252
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Senior Vice President, Marketing and Communications	Patti Goldstein	401-691-2283
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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$3,731,796 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 9

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) is an agency of state government created by law in 1967 to, “insure that the role of the arts in the life of Rhode Island communities will continue to grow and will play an even more significant part in the welfare and educational experience of our citizens.”

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

RIGL § 42-75-7 Duties of commission. – The duties of the commission shall be: (1) To stimulate and encourage throughout Rhode Island the study and presentation of the performing, visual, and environmental arts and public interest and participation therein; (2) To survey and assess the needs of the arts throughout Rhode Island and to make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor to encourage the arts so as to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of the citizens of the state; (3) To take any steps necessary and appropriate to expand the state’s cultural resources and to encourage the growth of local community arts councils; (4) To encourage and protect freedom of artistic expression in Rhode Island; and (5) To co-operate with the commission of education in all areas in which the arts are applicable to primary and secondary education, including the use of educational television and other media in the promotion and presentation of the arts.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Randall Rosenbaum	401-222-3883
Program Director, Arts Organizations	Adrienne Adeyemi	401-222-3882
Program Director, Arts in Education	Sherilyn Brown	401-222-6994
Assistant to the Arts in Education Program	Daniel Kahn	401-222-1146
Program Director, Individual Artists	Mollie Flanagan	401-222-3881
Fiscal & Office Manager	Donna Fiske	401-222-1148
Executive Director, Film Office	Steven Feinberg	401-222-3456
Asst. to the Executive Director of the Film Office	Carol Conley	401-222-3456
Senior Systems Designs Programmer	Lew Place, III	401-222-3456

Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Peter F. Kilmartin

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Website: www.riag.ri.gov
TOTAL PERSONNEL: 235

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,792,005

DESCRIPTION

The Attorney General is established under the Rhode Island Constitution as one of the five General Officers subject to election by voters. The Office of the Attorney General was first created in Rhode Island in May 1650. Since its creation, the Office has been an elected position, except for a brief period from 1740 to 1742 when the charter allowed for the appointment of a King's attorney for each county. The Office of the Attorney General was formally adopted under the Rhode Island State Constitution in 1842. The Office of the Attorney General is divided into three distinct divisions: Criminal, Civil, and Administration, each of which is responsible for several sub-units which together combine to meet the goals and the objectives of the Office. The Office is divided into four budget programs: Criminal, Civil, General, and the Bureau of Criminal Identification. The Attorney General may serve two consecutive four-year terms.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of the Attorney General is the central legal agency of the State. The Office is responsible for prosecution of all felony criminal cases and misdemeanor appeals as well as prosecution of misdemeanor cases brought by State law enforcement action in the various district courts. Additionally, as chief legal officer of the State, the Attorney General has responsibilities beyond criminal prosecution. The Attorney General represents all agencies, departments, and commissions in litigation and initiates legal action where necessary to protect the interests of Rhode Island citizens. These matters range from gas, electric, and telephone company rates before the Public Utilities Commission, health insurance rate cases, environmental issues, protecting the public's rights under the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act, to protecting consumers from deceptive practices and antitrust violations. The Attorney General provides legal advice to state officers and state agencies whenever requested. The Office of the Attorney General is also charged with operating and maintaining the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, which is the central repository of all criminal records in the State.

PERSONNEL

Attorney General	Peter F. Kilmartin	401-274-4400
Deputy Attorney General	Gerald J. Coyne	401-274-4400 x2257
Chief of Staff	Ernest J. Carlucci	401-274-4400 x2357
Chief of the Criminal Division	Stacey Veroni	401-274-4400 x2253
Chief of the Civil Division	Rebecca Partington	401-274-4400 x2303
Director of Administration	Christopher Cotta	401-274-4400 x2350
Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation	William Karalis	401-274-4400 x2211
Public Information Officer	Amy Kempe	401-274-4400 x2234
Policy and Legislation	Joe Lindbeck	401-274-4400 x2424
Director of Consumer Protection Unit	Martha Crippen	401-274-4400 x2397

AGENCIES

Auditor General, Office of

Auditor General, Dennis E. Hoyle, CPA, MBA

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$5,366,566

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 45

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Auditor General was established in 1974 to provide independent evaluations of government programs to the General Assembly. Audits are performed as required by statute, or as directed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Services, a bipartisan committee consisting of the Speaker of the House, Senate President, House Majority Leader, and the minority leaders of the House and Senate.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of the Auditor General is responsible for conducting an annual financial audit of the State's financial statements and an annual compliance audit (federal single audit) of all federal assistance received during each fiscal year. Additional responsibilities in any given year may include: (a) conducting other financial or performance audits as required by statute or as requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Services; (b) attending meetings and hearings relevant to on-going audit special projects and research studies for individual legislators; (c) issuing accounting opinions; (d) municipal oversight; and, (e) making determinations regarding emergency situations which would permit a municipality to exceed the statutory cap on annual property tax levy increases.

PERSONNEL

Auditor General	Dennis E. Hoyle, CPA, MBA	401-222-2435
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Barbering and Hairdressing, Board of

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

TOTAL PERSONNEL:

DESCRIPTION

The Board of Hairdressing and Barbering acts in an advisory capacity to the Department and to the Director of Health in all matters pertaining to the practice of the profession.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board is responsible for the review and approval of applications for initial licensure, the formulation and promulgation of rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession and for the overall exercise of disciplinary authority over all persons regulated under the statute. The categories of professional licensure and certification which fall within the authority of the Board are: Hairdresser; Barber; Barber Apprentice; Manicurist; Esthetician; Hairdressing/Barber Instructor; Manicurist Instructor; Esthetician Instructor; and Hairdresser/Barber Managers of Hair Design Shops.

PERSONNEL

Board Administrator	Linda Esposito
Inspector	Stacy Mello

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals, Department of Director (Acting), Rebecca Boss

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$401,089,576 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 1,352

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH), through state Divisions and Programs established by Title 40.1, Chapters 1, 1.1, 2, 3, 5, 5.3, 5.4, 22, and 24, of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, is the department in the Rhode Island State Government authorized by law and designations to: 1) plan, design, and develop, 2) fund, 3) administer, coordinate and license a system of services for citizens of Rhode Island with developmental disabilities, behavioral and healthcare needs, and those in need of the physical health and/or mental health services of the Eleanor Slater Hospital.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department organizes, sets standards, monitors and funds programs primarily according to the needs of consumers based upon the nature of their disabling condition. The Department administers services which are organized and delivered through three major components: 1) a community based management system for those challenged by mental illness or problems of alcohol or substance abuse, 2) a system of community programs for persons with developmentally disabling conditions; and 3) hospital services for people in need of assessment and diagnostic evaluation, acute and long term medical care, and psychiatric care provided within the unified Eleanor Slater Hospital at locations in Cranston and Burrillville.

PERSONNEL

Director (Acting)	Rebecca Boss	401-462-0917
Associate Director, Division of Behavioral Healthcare (Acting)	Corinna Roy	401-462-0455
Associate Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities	Kerri Zanchi	401-462-2721
Chief Executive Officer, Eleanor Slater Hospital	Cynthia Huether	401-462-3666

AGENCIES

Building Code Commission, State

Commissioner, John P. Leyden

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,033,647

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 20

DESCRIPTION

Building Code Commission and Sub-unit of Contractors' Registration Board.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The State Building Code Commission enforces State Building Codes on all state properties, registers certain categories of contractors, and receives and resolves consumer related complaints.

Business Regulation, Department of

Director, Scottye Lindsey

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Website: www.dbr.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,875,344 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 106

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Business Regulation is an organization of dedicated professionals responsible for regulating and licensing a broad array of Rhode Island businesses in order to protect the public. The industries the Department regulates include insurance, banking, securities, gaming, liquor, medical marijuana, real estate, racing and athletics, along with many others. The Department's mission is to assist, educate, and protect Rhode Islanders through the implementation and enforcement of state laws mandating regulation and licensing of these industries and other activities while recognizing the need to foster a sound business environment in the state.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of Business Regulation's primary function is to implement state laws mandating the regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations and other specified activities. The Department is composed of five divisions and central management, which includes the budget, personnel, legal and computer operation. The respective divisions are: Banking; Securities; Commercial Licensing Regulation and Racing and Athletics; Insurance; and Design Professionals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Boards and Commissions: Board of Accountancy; Real Estate Appraisers Board; Real Estate Commission; Racing and Athletics Hearings Board; Board of Examination and Registration of Architects; Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects; Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; and Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors.

PERSONNEL

Director	Scottye Lindsey	401-462-9552
Chief of Legal Services	Pamela J. Toro	401-462-9556
Deputy Director	Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer	401-462-9617
Deputy Director	Maria D'Alessandro	401-462-9320
Assistant Director, Financial and Contract Management	Brian J. Riggs	401-462-9555
Health Insurance Commissioner	Kathleen C. Hittner, MD	401-462-1677
Principle Economic & Policy Analyst	Norman Birenbaum	401-462-9552

AGENCIES

Capital Center Commission

Chair, Deming E. Sherman

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,169

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 2

PERSONNEL

Chair	Deming E. Sherman	401-274-9200
Administrative Officer	Christopher J. Ise	401-680-8521

Child Advocate, Office of the

Child Advocate, Jennifer Griffith, Esq.

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Fax: 401-462-4305

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$780,155

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 7

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) is an independent and autonomous Rhode Island state agency responsible for protecting the legal rights and interests of children in state care. These rights include, but are not limited to, a child's right to appropriate placement, healthcare and education, and to be treated with dignity and respect.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office is empowered to initiate litigation on behalf of children in state care. The Office has brought suit against DCYF and placement facilities for violating the Children's Bill of Rights on issues including privacy and humane treatment of children in state care. The Office may convene a panel for a child fatality or near fatality in which the child victim has any connection with DCYF and issue a public report with recommendations for systemic reforms. The Office monitors public and private residential placement facilities and shelters and conducts periodic on site visits to confirm whether a facility is in compliance with RI Child care regulations, which may include health, safety and fire codes. The Office also assesses the quality of programs, interviews children, verifies any report of institutional abuse, and recommends corrective actions to be taken. The Office makes presentations at conferences, convenes public hearings and conducts studies which are released as public reports. The Office provides assistance to children in DCYF care who may be entitled to crime victim compensation by making them aware of crime victim compensation laws and pursuing legal actions on behalf of certain child victims of sexual and/or severe physical abuse. The Office conducts training and offers seminars for providers and guardians ad litem.

PERSONNEL

Child Advocate	Jennifer Griffith, Esq.	401-462-4300
Staff Attorney IV	Katelyn Medeiros, Esq.	401-462-4300
Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist	Kathryn R. Cortes	401-462-4300
Senior Planning & Program Development Specialist	Jacqueline Sanchez	401-462-4300

Children, Youth and Families, Department of

Director, Trista D. Piccola, PhD, LISW-S

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$218,284,034 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 629

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Children, Youth and Families is the state child welfare, children's mental health and juvenile corrections services agency which promotes, safety, permanence and well-being of children through partnerships with family, community and government. The Department also plans and implements support programs and service delivery systems which will achieve the goals of developing the full potential of children in care. The Department is the agency which services families with children who have been or are at risk of being abused, neglected, wayward or delinquent.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Child Protective Services: 1) Investigation of reports of abuse and neglect; 2) Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking; 3) Intake and screening of neglect and abuse cases; 4) Referrals to community programs. Family Services: 1) Regionalized Family Service Units providing community-based in-home preventive services and reunification services for children in out-of-home care; 2) Foster Care; 3) Adoption services for special needs children. Juvenile Correctional Services: 1) Non-residential services such as supervision, counseling and supportive services for youth on probation; 2) Rhode Island Training School; 3) Residential, treatment, educational and vocational services for adjudicated juvenile offenders and those awaiting trial or arraignment. Behavioral Health Services: 1) Emergency services; 2) Intensive community-based treatment; 3) Prevention services; 4) Residential programs; 5) In-patient hospital setting for assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mentally ill adolescents. Licensing: 1) Foster Homes; 2) Residential Programs; 3) Outpatient children's behavioral health.

PERSONNEL

Director	Trista D. Piccola, PhD, LISW-S	401-528-3540
Deputy Director (Acting)	Christy Healey	401-528-3549
Executive Counsel	Kevin Aucoin	401-528-3570
Executive Director, Juvenile Corrections	Kevin McKenna	401-462-6612
Chief Financial Officer	Kayleigh Pratt	401-528-3630
Public Information Officer	Kerri White	401-528-3889
Government Relations/Legislative Liason	John Neubauer	401-528-3627
Administrator, Family Services Division	Anne Lebrun-Cournoyer	401-528-3920
Regional Director, Providence	Joan Harmon	401-528-3745
Regional Director, East Bay	Paula Fontaine	401-254-7010
Regional Director, Kent and Washington County	Debbie Souza	401-792-5083
Regional Director, Northern and Northwestern RI	Dorn Dougan	401-528-3820
Assistant Director, Child Protective Services (Acting)	Ernest Watson	401-528-3464

AGENCIES

Coastal Resources Management Council

Executive Director, Grover Fugate

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$8,440,396

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 29

DESCRIPTION

The Council's primary responsibility is for the continued planning, management, preservation, protection, development, and where possible the restoration of the coastal areas of the state via the issuance of permits for work and the development of planning programs within the coastal zone of the state. The CRMC is administered by a council who are appointed representatives of the public and state and local government, and a staff of professional engineers, biologists, environmental scientists, and marine resources specialists.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Coastal Resources Management Council to: preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, restore the coastal resources of the state; maintain a balance between conservation and development and between conflicting private and public interests that will provide the greatest long term benefits to the people of Rhode Island; protect and preserve valuable natural and cultural features such as historic sites, barrier beaches, coastal ponds, wetlands, and fishing grounds that are vulnerable to development and misuse; protect and promote public access to the shore and provide high quality recreational opportunities to all who come to the Rhode Island shore; provide suitable waterfront sites for industries and businesses that require direct access to coastal waters while directing other industries to suitable inland sites; direct new development away from sensitive areas and into already developed areas; establish a working partnership among the public and local, state and federal governments that insures the efficient administration of the Coastal Management Program.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Grover Fugate
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Commerce Corporation, Rhode Island

President & Chief Operating Officer, Darin Early

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$41,460,331 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 59**

DESCRIPTION

Total Budget: \$41,460,331 consisting of an Annual Operating Budget: \$7,496,897 and an Annual Program Budget: \$33,963,434. The Commerce Corporation's mission is to grow Rhode Island's economy by investing alongside private, public and non-profit partners in strategic assets that promote prosperity for our citizens. The Corporation directly invests in the state's economy through PR and branding, and offering business services and assistance, access to capital, and a variety of other programs – all of which are aimed at helping companies create and expand economic activity within Rhode Island's borders.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commerce Corporation employs a world-class team of dedicated professionals working with new and existing companies on Business Development, Client Services, Investments/Transactions, and Strategic Marketing. The Business Development team provides the Corporation's key services related to corporate attraction, business retention and expansion. The Client Services team provides customer service support, advocacy, and project management services to Rhode Island companies interacting with state government, and works in parallel with the Business Development team to maintain close relationships with Rhode Island businesses. The Investment team specializes in making economic development investments through various incentive vehicles that are expected to have a catalytic and/or growth-oriented impact on Rhode Island's economy. The Strategic Marketing team is responsible for redeveloping, deploying and maintaining Rhode Island's brand by organizing and managing marketing functions to achieve the State's objective of strengthening its attractiveness for tourism and business growth. Finally, the Corporation works hard to effect statutory and regulatory changes geared towards making Rhode Island a more hospitable place to start or expand a business.

PERSONNEL

President & Chief Operating Officer	Darin Early	401-278-9100
Chief Financial Officer	Lisa Lasky	401-278-9100
Managing Director, Investments	Jesse Saglio	401-278-9100
Senior Economic Development Advisor	Dan Jennings	401-278-9100
Vice President, Client Services	Elizabeth Tanner	401-278-9100
Managing Director, Financial Programs	William Ash	401-278-9100
STAC Program Manager	Christine Smith	401-278-9100
Chief Marketing Officer	Lara Salamano	401-278-9100
Executive Vice President, Business Attraction	Hilary Fagan	401-278-9100

AGENCIES

Commerce, Rhode Island Executive Office of Secretary of Commerce, Stefan Pryor

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$79,500,000 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 16**

DESCRIPTION

Annual Budget - Central Office: \$1,300,000 Annual Budget - Supervised Agencies: \$36,000,000 The Executive Office of Commerce is the principal agency of the executive branch of state government for managing the promotion of commerce and the economy within the state, providing strategic leadership and direction for all facets of economic development. The Executive Office of Commerce oversees numerous agencies and instrumentalities of the state, including the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, the Department of Business Regulation, the Office of Housing and Community Development, the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, and the Quonset Development Corporation and works closely with the Department of Labor and Training, Division of Planning, and the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.

PERSONNEL

Secretary of Commerce	Stefan Pryor	401-222-8288
Chief of Staff	Rebecca Webber	401-222-8322
General Counsel	Thomas Gonnella	401-222-8321
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Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board

Executive Director, George W. Whalen

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,200,000 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 12**

DESCRIPTION

To provide a safeguard to consumers’ rights regarding construction as well as a fair and positive environment for the construction industry. Register and license contractors and provide a dispute resolution process to settle cases brought to the Board.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	George W. Whalen	401-222-1269
Hearing Officer	Joseph Lewis	401-222-1028
Principal Building Code Official	Richard Case	401-222-1193
Senior Building Official	Carlo Testa	401-222-6338
Senior Building Official	John Hoyle	401-222-1260
Senior Building Official	Steven Gianlorenzo	401-222-6331
Senior State Building Official	Lawrence Enright	401-222-5296
Implementation Aide	Elizabeth Guarino	401-222-1428
Implementation Aide	Stephanie Andreozzi	401-222-1288
Enforcement Aide	Diann Burns	401-222-1268
Enforcement Aide	Jessica Murphy	401-222-1270
System Support Tech I	Diane Bruno	401-222-1268

Convention Center Authority, Rhode Island

Executive Director, James P. McCarvill

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Website: www.riconvention.com

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$25,943,789

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 3

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Authority was created for the purpose of constructing, managing, and operating a facility to house conventions, trade shows, exhibitions, displays, meetings, banquets, and other events as well as facilities related thereto.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Authority is also responsible for the operation of parking facilities, the Dunkin’ Donuts Center Arena, and the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	James P. McCarvill	401-351-4295
Administrative Assistant	Eileen Smith	401-351-4295
Accountant	Donald Nadeau	401-351-4295

Corrections, Department of

Director, Ashbel T. Wall, II

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$223,366,125 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 1,423

DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) is to contribute to public safety by maintaining a balanced correctional system of institutional and community programs that provide a range of control and rehabilitative options for criminals.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The RIDOC provides a comprehensive correctional program for all adult offenders requiring incarceration or other forms of supervision. The population under Departmental jurisdiction includes all pretrial detainees, sentenced inmates, and offenders on probation or parole.

PERSONNEL

Director	Ashbel T. Wall, II	401-462-2611
Programming Services Officer	Susan Lamkins	401-462-2905
Assistant Director of Administration	Patricia Coyne-Fague	401-462-3952
Assistant Director of Institutions and Operations	James Weeden	401-462-5167
Assistant Director of Rehabilitative Services	Barry Weiner	401-462-2677
Executive Counsel	Kathleen Kelly	401-462-2546

Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission on the Executive Director, Steven A. Florio

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$520,650

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 4

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RICDHH) is an advocating, coordinating and service providing entity committed to promoting an environment in which the deaf and hard of hearing in Rhode Island are afforded equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives. The RICDHH develops policy; initiates and lobbies for favorable legislation; fosters cooperation and awareness among state agencies and community organizations; and educates and advises consumers, state agencies, and employers about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rights to equal access. The RICDHH also provides direct services in its operation of a Sign Language Interpreter and CART Referral Service, a lending library of books and videotapes, and as a clearinghouse of information and referral on all topics related to hearing loss.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Administer Sign Language and CART Interpreter Referral Service. 2. Promote awareness and provide information and referral. 3. Conduct an ongoing needs assessment. 4. Engage in advocacy to promote accessibility of services. 5. Initiate and lobby for legislation. 6. Provide networking among agencies and organizations. 7. Work to improve the quality of life addressing: education, employment, health care, parenting issues and technology. 8. Develop a Statewide Coordinating Council which will coordinate the implementation of statewide strategic plan for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children in RI. 9. Track the yearly services provided by exempted interpreters.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Steven A. Florio	401-256-5511
Program Manager	Pamela Zellner	401-256-5511
Sign Language Interpreter/CART Referral Specialist	Holly St. Pierre	401-222-5300

Disabilities, Governor’s Commission on Chairperson (Interim), Rosemary Carmody

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Website: www.disabilities.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$778,020

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 4

DESCRIPTION

The Commission’s goals are: the adoption of state government policies that will ensure every person with a disability: is able to work, is able to live on her/his own with the right services, at the right time, in the right place, and is involved in her/his neighborhood and community. That every person with a disability is able to exercise all the rights and responsibilities afforded to citizens of this state. That every working age person with disability has the opportunity to work with support and/or accommodations if needed. That entrepreneurship opportunities and supports are available for working age persons with disabilities.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission is responsible for protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities including coordinating the state compliance with federal and state disability rights laws; providing technical assistance to public and private agencies, businesses, and citizens in complying with those laws; managing the state’s ADA/504 Accessibility renovation projects to overcome physical and communication barriers in state owned facilities; making polling places accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities; training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office; providing individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about their rights; and investigating disability discrimination complaints involving physical barriers at public or private facilities and ordering corrective action.

The Commission also advocates for the adoption of public policies so that each person with a disability is able to reach her/his maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.

The Commission’s Disability Business Enterprise program assists small disadvantaged businesses owned by persons with disabilities to win state funded and state directed public construction contracts and state contracts for goods and services.

PERSONNEL

Chairperson (Interim)	Rosemary Carmody	
Executive Secretary	Bob Cooper	401-462-0102
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AGENCIES

911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System

Co-Director, William Gasbarro

Co-Director, Gregory Scungio

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$5,633,864

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 48

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Department of Public Safety Enhanced 911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Division provides twenty-four hour, statewide emergency public safety communications services from its answering point located in North Scituate through the universal emergency number 911. Highly technical and operational standards, designed to reduce total response time, guide the system's processing of both wireline and wireless 911 calls.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To maintain, develop and improve the statewide emergency telephone system which consistently provides swift and reliable assistance to the public in response to their need for public safety and emergency services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rhode Island was the first state in the country to provide enhanced 911 emergency services on a statewide basis. Our enhanced system provides 911 Telecommunicators (call takers) with the caller's Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) information. Trained 911 Telecommunicators employ state-of-the-art telephone and computer technologies to process 911 police, fire and rescue calls. The system automatically identifies the location of wireline callers. Additionally, RI E911 can identify the latitude and longitude coordinates of wireless calls that are placed from wireless devices equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) chip. All incoming 911 emergency calls are transferred to the appropriate secondary agency with the nature and location of the incident for proper response. RI E911 has connectivity with all 39 Rhode Island communities. Last year, we transferred over 761,000 emergency calls, of which, approximately 75% were generated from wireless devices. On July 1, 2008, the RI E911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Division came under the authority of the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety.

PERSONNEL

Co-Director	William Gasbarro	401-459-0911
Co-Director	Gregory Scungio	401-459-0911

Education, Department of

Commissioner, Ken Wagner

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,358,110,571 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 325

DESCRIPTION

The role of the Department of Education is ensure that all Rhode Island students are ready for success in college, careers, and life. To guide this work, in 2015 the Board of Education and the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approved a strategic plan for transforming education in Rhode Island, 2015-2020.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The head of the Department of Education is the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, who has all the powers and duties as enumerated in RIGL 16-60-1; 16-60-6 and 16-60-7. The Department has five divisions - Teaching and Learning; Innovation; Fiscal Operations; Legal; and the Office of the Commissioner (including Human Resources). These divisions work together to ensure that the Department of Education achieves its annual goals and priorities in a number of strategic areas, including ensuring educator excellence, developing world-class standards and assessments, accelerating all schools toward greatness, developing user-friendly data systems, investing our resources wisely, and providing excellent customer service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additionally, through the Exceed initiative, the Department of Education is working in partnership with other state agencies - Children, Youth, and Families; Health; Health and Human Services - to improve the access to and quality of early-learning programs.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner	Ken Wagner	
Executive Staff Assistant	Lauren McCarthy	401-222-8700
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Chief of Staff	Christine Lopes Metcalfe	401-222-8470
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AGENCIES

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

TOTAL PERSONNEL:

DESCRIPTION

The 17-member Rhode Island Board of Education was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 2014 and replaced the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education. This consolidated governance of all public education in Rhode Island is an innovative integration of policymaking and planning for elementary, secondary and higher public education in our state. The Board of Education and its administrative arms, the Office of Postsecondary Education and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, work to ensure and maximize efficiency, provide greater articulation of the respective responsibilities of elementary and secondary and higher education, and ensure that all Rhode Island students are prepared to succeed in school, college, careers and life.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education provides clear guidance on statutory, legal, financial, and contractual obligations; establishes a policy framework that furthers the goals of this chapter; and establishes appropriate administrative structures, support, policies, and procedures for K-20 education in Rhode Island.

PERSONNEL

Chair	Barbara S. Cottam	401-222-8435
Liaison to the Board of Education	Angela Teixeira	401-222-8435

Elderly Affairs, Division of Director, Charles J. Fogarty

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Website: www.dea.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$19,329,431

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 31

DESCRIPTION

The Division of Elderly Affairs was established as the principal agency of the state to mobilize the human, physical, and financial resources available to plan, develop, and implement innovative programs to preserve the dignity and independence of senior and adults with disabilities.

PERSONNEL

Director	Charles J. Fogarty	401-462-0501
Public Information Officer	Meghan Connelly	401-462-3000

Elections, Board of

Executive Director (Acting), Robert B. Rapoza

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$2,068,676

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Website: www.elections.ri.gov

TDD: 711

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 12

DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Board of Elections is to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to effectively and efficiently administer the provisions of the election laws of the United States and the State of Rhode Island including, but not limited to, the governance and conduct of elections, voter registration, campaign finance, public funding of campaigns and any other duties prescribed by law.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board is responsible for implementing, monitoring and enforcing federal and state laws as they apply to elections and election-related activities conducted in Rhode Island. Additionally, the Board adopts rules and regulations and issues directives as it deems necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives of the election and campaign finance laws of Rhode Island.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director (Acting)	Robert B. Rapoza	401-222-1910
Campaign Finance Director	Richard F. Thornton	401-222-1907
Legal Counsel	Raymond A. Marcaccio	401-861-2900
Chair	Richard Dubois	401-222-2345

Emergency Management Agency, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Peter Gaynor

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TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$22,158,553

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 29

DESCRIPTION

Since its founding, the primary mission of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) has been to protect life and property in the event of a disaster or crisis situation, through a program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Guided by these four principles, RIEMA has made great strides in its effort to improve emergency preparedness in the State of Rhode Island.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Includes consequence management, hazard mitigation, emergency preparedness, training, planning, public education and outreach, alert and warning and emergency communications.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Peter Gaynor	401-946-9996
Executive Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Operations Branch Chief	Vacant	
Operations Support Branch Chief	Thomas Guthlien	401-462-7121
Preparedness Branch Chief	Marc Pappas	401-462-7131
Finance & Grants Branch Chief	Catherine Avila	401-462-7017
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Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island

Executive Director, Frank J. Karpinski

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$11,281,927 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 35**

DESCRIPTION

The Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island is a contributory defined benefit and defined contribution retirement system. The plan provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to state employees, public school teachers, municipal employees who are employed by a participating municipality and state police and judges.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

ERSRI provides services and information to its membership of over 40,000 active and inactive members and over 26,000 retirees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island is governed by a retirement board. The Board establishes rules and regulations for the agency. The Board also approves each application for disability benefits and hears appeals by members who have been aggrieved by an administrative decision of the executive director.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Frank J. Karpinski	401-462-7600
Assistant Executive Director	Diane S. Bourne	401-462-7600
Director of Finance	Zachary J. Saul	401-462-7600
Internal Legal Counsel/Policy Analyst	Gayle Mambro-Martin	401-462-7600

Environmental Management, Department of

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TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$103,441,715

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 400

DESCRIPTION

The department is charged with the protection, restoration and management of the State's natural resources including more than 14,000 acres of state park and management areas.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Among other responsibilities, the department preserves and enhances the State's many historical coastal and recreational resources; maintains and protects land and water areas for wildlife preservation and public recreation; performs regulatory functions affecting water resources, water supplies and wetlands; oversees air, solid waste and hazardous material control programs.

PERSONNEL

Director	Janet Coit	401-222-4700 x2409
Associate Director for Natural Resources	Larry Mouradjian	401-222-4700 x2414
Assistant Director for Environmental Management	Terrence D. Gray, PE	401-222-4700 x7100
Assistant Director of Finance & Contract Management	Terrence Maguire	401-222-6825 x4902
Assistant Director Water Resources	Alicia Good	401-222-4700 x7200
Executive Counsel	Mary Kay	401-222-6607 x2304
Assistant to the Director (Communications)	Gail Mastrati	401-222-4700 x2402
Assistant to the Director	Rayna Maguire	401-222-4700 x2409

Ethics Commission, Rhode Island

Executive Director/Chief Prosecutor, Kent A. Willever

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,631,610 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 12

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Ethics Commission is a constitutionally mandated body authorized to adopt, administer, and enforce the state’s Code of Ethics. The Code sets forth standards of conduct for all public officials and employees. The Commission consists of nine private citizens appointed for 5-year terms.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission assists state and municipal officials and employees in complying with the Code of Ethics and responds to questions about the Code posed by public officials and employees facing potential conflicts of interest. The educational program offers seminars and workshops and disseminates publications relating to the Code of Ethics. The Commission enforces the Code of Ethics through a combination of confidential investigations, closed meetings, and open hearings and public adjudications. Enforcement powers include civil penalties and, in some instances, the power to remove an official from office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Rhode Island Constitution empowers the Ethics Commission to adopt and enforce a Code of Ethics, to investigate violations and impose penalties, including removal from office (RI Const. Article III, Section 8). The General Assembly has enacted legislation granting the Commission the power to issue advisory opinions and to offer educational programs. The statute also establishes the appointment process for Commissioners and outlines procedural and administrative powers of the Commission. (RI Gen. Laws Section 36-14-1 et seq.) All Rhode Island state and municipal employees are subject to the Code of Ethics: elected and appointed officials and public employees at the state and local levels of government. The Code of Ethics prohibits conflicts of interest. Public servants may not have financial interests which are in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of their public duties. Conflicts of interest include the financial interests of a public official or employee as well as those of his or her family, private employers, business associates, or any business the public servant may represent.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director/Chief Prosecutor	Kent A. Willever	401-222-3790 x0
Senior Staff Attorney	Katherine D’Arezzo	401-222-3790 x16
Education Coordinator/Staff Attorney	Jason M. Gramitt	401-222-3790 x17
Chief of Investigations	Steven Cross	401-222-3790 x22
Office Manager	Tracy A. Teixeira	401-222-3790 x12
Staff Attorney	Teresa Giusti	401-222-3790 x20
Staff Attorney	Teodora Papova Papa	401-222-3790 x11
Senior Confidential Investigator	Peter J. Mancini	401-222-3790 x19
Investigator	Gary V. Petrarca	401-222-3790 x13
Financial Disclosure Officer	Michelle R. Berg	401-222-3790 x15
Administrative Assistant	Alice Aieskoll	401-222-3790 x21
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AGENCIES

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Executive Director, W. Keith Burlingame, Esq.

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TOTAL PERSONNEL: 3

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$305,000

DESCRIPTION

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review is charged with the development and administrative review of a comprehensive fire safety code covering the State of Rhode Island. The Board further evaluates the proposed use of new fire-related technologies. The Board provides the State Fire Marshal, other state agencies and over 70 fire departments with legal and technical advice. Finally, the Board sits as an adjudicatory body by providing both review of code enforcement decisions made by the State Fire Marshal's Office and granting variances from strict compliance with the code in cases of structural hardship.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fire Safety Code, developed and administered by the Fire Safety Code Board, covers specialized fire protection requirements for hazardous materials and chemicals, flammable and combustible liquids, liquefied petroleum gases, liquefied natural gases, fireworks, model rocketry, heating appliances, spray application of flammable and combustible liquids, welding, use of torches, dust explosion prevention, industrial ovens and furnaces, mechanical refrigeration, combustible fibers and airport refueling operations. In addition, the Fire Safety Code outlines the fire safety requirements of all assembly (including nightclubs, places of worship and theaters), educational, day-care, health care, ambulatory health care, detention and correctional, lodging or rooming house, hotel and dormitory, apartment (4+ units), residential board and care, mercantile, business, industrial and storage occupancies in the State of Rhode Island. In addition, the code provides standards for the installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in 1- and 2-family dwellings and 3-family apartment buildings. Finally, the Fire Code addresses electrical fire safety, smoking regulations, tents, outdoor fires, fire lanes, commercial cooking equipment, combustible waste, tar kettles, Christmas trees, blasting and explosives.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The original Fire Safety Code Commission was established in 1966 by Title 23 Chapter 28.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The statute was amended in 1975 to rename the commission as the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review. The eleven (11) board members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for six (6) year terms. The Governor further designates one member to serve as the Chairperson for a two (2) year term.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	W. Keith Burlingame, Esq.	401-462-0940
Chair	Dana M. Newbrook	401-462-0940
Assistant Administrative Officer	Kathy Hague	
Administrative Assistant	Desiree Campanini	

General Treasurer, Office of the General Treasurer, Seth Magaziner

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$49,146,897

TDD: 711
Website: www.treasury.ri.gov

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 87

DESCRIPTION

The General Treasurer is a statewide general officer dedicated to promoting economic growth and financial stability for all Rhode Islanders. As steward of the state's finances, the General Treasurer oversees the state's investments, banking, borrowing, and retirement system. The General Treasurer is one of five General Officers elected every four-years by the statewide electorate.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Office of the General Treasurer includes the Employees' Retirement System, which oversees pension and retirement benefits for state employees, teachers and many municipal public servants throughout the state. The Crime Victims' Compensation Program helps victims who suffer financial losses as a result of a crime. The office also returns millions of dollars in unclaimed property to Rhode Islanders every year; oversees the state's CollegeBound 529 savings programs; ABLE tax-advantaged savings accounts for Rhode Islanders living with disabilities; financial literacy programs in middle-schools and high-schools throughout the state; and invests the state's \$8 billion pension fund to achieve longer-term growth and sustainability.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Office of the General Treasurer has an uncompromising commitment to transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. Its Transparent Treasury initiative is a national model for public pension funds; the Public Finance Management Board is the leading source of information on all public borrowing in the state; and the office regularly asserts its shareholder rights to push for responsible and sustainable practices from the companies in which it invests.

PERSONNEL

General Treasurer	Seth Magaziner	401-222-2397
Chief of Staff	Patrick Marr	401-222-2397
Deputy Treasurer, Public Finance & Policy	Kelly Rogers	401-222-2397
Deputy Treasurer, Legislation & Outreach	Beatrice Lanzi	401-222-2397
Director of Communications	Evan England	401-222-2397
Executive Director, Retirement System	Frank J. Karpinski	401-222-2397
Chief Legal Counsel	Amy Crane	401-222-2397
Chief Operating Officer	Lisa Churchville	401-222-2397
Director of Constituent Relations	Charon Rose	401-222-2397

AGENCIES

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$5,375,482

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 45

DESCRIPTION

The chief executive power of this state is vested in the Governor. The Governor has the constitutional responsibility and authority to ensure that the laws of Rhode Island are faithfully executed.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

As chief executive, the Governor is responsible for public health, environmental management, human services, business regulation, workforce development and training, transportation, homeland security, emergency management, and law enforcement. The Governor also serves as the captain general and commander in chief of the military and naval forces of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Constitution authorizes and requires the Governor to prepare and present to the General Assembly an annual, consolidated operating and capital improvement state budget. The Governor also has broad constitutional appointment power for judges, state officers and members of executive boards and commissions. She can exercise legislative veto and general pardon authority. The Governor also serves as Chair of the Board of Commerce RI (Economic Development).

PERSONNEL

Governor	Gina M. Raimondo	401-222-2080
Chief of Staff	Brett Smiley	401-222-2080
Deputy Chief of Staff	Kevin Gallagher	401-222-2080
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Senior Counsel	Jeremy Licht	401-222-2080
Senior Advisor	Jon Romano	401-222-2080
Legislative Director	R. David Cruise	401-222-2080
Chief Counsel	Claire Richards	401-222-2080
Director of Communications	Mike Raia	401-222-2080
Press Secretary	David Ortiz	401-222-2080
Director of Public Engagement	Gabe Amo	401-222-2080
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Health and Educational Building Corporation, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Robert Donovan

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$2,500,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 5

DESCRIPTION

The agency provides financing to 501(c)3 health and educational institutions and local communities.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Robert Donovan	401-831-3770
Chief Financial Officer	Scott O'Malley	401-831-3770

Health and Human Services, Rhode Island

Executive Office of Secretary (Acting), Anya Wallack

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$2,489,033,643 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 178

DESCRIPTION

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services oversees the Departments of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH), Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Health, and Human Services. EOHHS also houses the State Medicaid Agency.

PERSONNEL

Secretary (Acting)	Anya Wallack	401-462-5274
Executive Legal Counsel/Legal Services Administrator	Deborah George, Esq.	401-462-5274
Medicaid Director	Vacant	
Chief Financial/Budget Officer	Robert Farley	401-462-5274
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TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$3,470,472

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 11

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) was established by legislation in 2004 to broaden the accountability of health insurers operating in the state of Rhode Island.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The OHIC Purposes Statute is condensed as: “ensuring solvency, protecting consumers, engaging providers and improving the system.” The Office sets and enforces standards for health insurers in each of these four areas.

PERSONNEL

Commissioner	Kathleen C. Hittner, MD	401-462-9517
Administrative Officer	Alyssa Metivier	401-462-1677
Executive Legal Counsel	Emily Maranjian	401-462-9636
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Principal Policy Associate	Cory King	401-462-9643
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SIM Director	Marti Rosenberg	401-462-9659
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Health, Department of

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$169,940,915

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 504

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH) mission is to prevent disease and protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island. Given that there are no local health departments in Rhode Island, RIDOH coordinates public health activities throughout the entire state. Under the direction of Director of Health Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, RIDOH has made the achievement of optimal health for every community throughout Rhode Island its principal focus. RIDOH's work is guided by three leading priorities: addressing the social and environmental determinants of health, eliminating disparities of health and promoting health equity, and ensuring access to quality health services including our vulnerable populations. RIDOH's six divisions and their centers work in partnership with the general public, healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, community partners, schools, local, state, and federal offices and agencies, as well as the media. RIDOH is accredited by the national Public Health Accreditation Board.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

RIDOH has broad-ranging public health and policy responsibilities. RIDOH works to promote healthy lifestyle changes, environmental health (including the safety of Rhode Island's food and drinking water), emergency preparedness, and chronic disease management and prevention, among other focus areas. RIDOH also facilitates health professional licensing and health facility licensing in the state, serves as a hub for public health data in Rhode Island, and includes Rhode Island's State Health Laboratories and the Medical Examiner's Office.

PERSONNEL

Director	Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH	
Executive Director	Ana Novais	401-222-5117
Director, Academic Center	Laurie Leonard	401-222-2433
Co-Director, Health Equity Institute	Deborah Garneau	401-222-5929
Co-Director, Health Equity Institute	Angela Ankoma	401-222-7630
Chief Financial Officer	Lori Zelano	401-222-1583
Chief Legal Counsel	Kenny Alston	401-222-1685
Chief Administrative Officer	Steven Boudreau	401-222-8033
Associate Director of Health, Division of Policy, Information, and Communications	Sandra Powell	401-222-5917
Associate Director of Health, Division of State Laboratories and Medical Examiner	Ewa King	401-222-1999
Assistant Medical Director, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services	Utpala Bandy, MD, MPH	401-222-2432
Associate Director of Health, Division of Community Health and Equity	Carol Hall-Walker	401-222-5935
Associate Director of Health, Division of Environmental Health	Seema Dixit	401-222-7463
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Assistant Director, Division of Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services	Christine Goulette	401-222-6868
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Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Edward F. Sanderson

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$3,218,083 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 16

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission is the state office for historic preservation and heritage programs. The Commission identifies and protects historic and prehistoric sites, buildings, and districts, administers grants, loans, and tax credits for rehabilitation of historic buildings; and reviews federal and state projects that affect cultural resources.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission also develops and carries out programs to document, support, and celebrate the ethnic and cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Edward F. Sanderson	401-222-4130
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Principal Fiscal Manager	Joyce Gervasio	401-222-2077
Grants Manager	Katherine J. Pomplun	401-222-4131
Receptionist/Fiscal Clerk	Rosemary Carreiro	401-222-3103
Principal Historical Architect	Virginia S. Hesse	401-222-4135
Principal Historical Architect	Roberta Randall	401-222-4333
Principal Archaeologist	Timothy Ives	401-222-4139
Senior Archaeologist	Charlotte C.W. Taylor	401-222-4140
National Register Assistant and Heritage Aide	Mercedes A. Monteiro	401-222-4133
Senior Project Reviewer	Glenn Modica	401-222-2671
Principal Architectural Historian	Joanna Doherty	401-222-4136
Senior Architectural Historian	Elizabeth Warburton	401-222-4132
Principal Preservation Projects Coordinator	Sarah Zurier	401-222-4142
Senior Reviewer: Transportation Projects	Michaela Jergensen	401-222-4137
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Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Barbara G. Fields

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Website: www.rhodeislandhousing.org

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$42,600,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 227

DESCRIPTION

Rhode Island Housing works to ensure that all people who live and work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. Rhode Island Housing uses its resources to provide low-interest loans, grants, education and assistance to help Rhode Islanders rent, buy, build and keep a good home. The corporation works to improve the state's economy by increasing the supply of housing that is within financial reach of Rhode Island families. Created by the General Assembly in 1973, Rhode Island Housing is a privately funded public purpose corporation.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Rhode Island Housing offers a variety of fair, affordable and innovative products to homeowners, including low-interest mortgages and mortgage credit certificates for first-time homebuyers and low-interest loans for home repairs. Rhode Island Housing raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to eligible homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers working to meet the growing demand for housing in Rhode Island. We offer loans for the construction and rehabilitation of rental housing and we administer the Section 8 voucher program for many communities in the state. Rhode Island Housing provides education to homebuyers and homeowners, and we work with housing developers and municipalities to promote the sensible development of vibrant, well-balanced communities. We provide grants and finance supportive services to those with the greatest need.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Barbara G. Fields	401-457-1190
Deputy Director	Peter Walsh	401-457-1148
Deputy Director	Carol Ventura	401-457-1129

Human Rights, Commission for

Executive Director, Michael D. Evora, Esq.

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Website: www.richr.ri.gov

Fax: 401-222-2616

TDD: 401-222-2664

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,646,008

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 15

DESCRIPTION

The Commission enforces Rhode Island anti-discrimination laws in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and delivery of services. The employment and public accommodations statutes prohibit discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, ancestral origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression. The employment statute also prohibits an employer from inquiring as to an applicant’s conviction status, with certain exceptions. The credit statute prohibits discrimination on these bases (except conviction status), as well as on the base of familial status and marital status. The housing statute prohibits discrimination on all of the aforementioned bases (except conviction status), as well as on the base of status as a victim of domestic abuse and housing status.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Intake, investigation, settlement and administrative hearing of charges of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and delivery of services.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Michael D. Evora, Esq.	401-222-7561
Staff Attorney	Marissa Janton, Esq.	401-222-7561
Staff Attorney	Francis A. Gaschen, Esq.	401-222-7563

Human Services, Department of Director (Acting), Eric J. Beane

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Cranston, RI 02920

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Fax: 401-462-1846

Website: www.dhs.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$620,615,953

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 937

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) is charged by state law “to provide public assistance to residents of the state who are in need and who meet the eligibility requirements of the various programs, which constitute public assistance.” Additionally, the department administers programs and services for specific populations and needs.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The programs which DHS administers are: RIWorks; Low-Income Child Care Assistance; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP); Long-Term Care; General Public Assistance; State Supplemental Payment; Low-Income Energy Assistance; Eligibility for Medicaid; Administration of grants for the homeless, emergency food assistance, domestic violence programs, refugee resettlement, and the Community Action Programs; Division of Elderly Affairs; Division of Veterans’ Affairs; Office of Child Support Services; Office of Rehabilitation Services.

PERSONNEL

Deputy Director	Yvette M. Mendez	401-462-2121
Director, Division of Elderly Affairs	Charles J. Fogarty	401-462-2326
Executive Legal Counsel	Deborah Barclay	401-462-2326
Associate Director, Office of Rehabilitation Services	Ronald Racine	401-462-7888
Director, RI Office of Veterans’ Affairs	Kasim Yarn	401-921-2119
Associate Director, Office of Child Support	Sharon Santilli, Esq.	401-458-4400
Acting Chief Financial Officer	Maureen Wu	401-462-0547
Administrator, RIWorks/Child Care	Lissa DiMauro	401-462-6356
Administrator, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Christine Ruggieri	401-462-2256
Public Information Officer/Legislative Affairs	Michael Jolin	401-462-2236
Administrator, Long Term Care, General Public Assistance	Thomas Conlon	401-462-1871

Industrial - Recreational Building Authority

Executive Director, Stefan Pryor

315 Iron Horse Way, Ste. 101

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-278-9100

Website: www.commerceri.com

Fax: 401-273-8270

ANNUAL BUDGET:

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 0

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1958. The Authority constitutes a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State having a distinct legal existence from the State. The Authority is empowered to insure contractual principal and interest payments required under first mortgages and first security agreements issued to private sector entities by financial institutions and the Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation (local development corporation).

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority issues debt insurance on eligible projects. Project limit is \$5,000,000; the aggregate portfolio insurance capacity of the Authority is \$80,000,000. Maximum insured mortgage as a percentage of project amount is: Real Estate 90%, Machinery & Equipment 80% and Travel/Tourist Facilities 75% (Real Estate project amount is based on an as-completed appraisal). The project term may not exceed twenty-five years for real estate, twenty-years for machinery and equipment, and must fully amortize over the term. Eligible projects are: manufacturing, processing, office, wholesale, retail and travel/tourist facilities. Approved uses of funds include: new building, acquisition, expansion/rehabilitation of existing buildings, new and used machinery and equipment. Mortgage insurance premiums are calculated on the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage: (at the time of publication) 1% to 3%, per annum. The Rhode Island Industrial-Recreational Building Authority must be in a first position on all projects. Projects are required to issue a first mortgage and first security agreement to the Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation (in its capacity as a local development corporation).

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Stefan Pryor	401-278-9100
Manager	William Ash	401-278-9100 x184
Assistant Manager	Stacy Farrell	401-278-9100 x126

AGENCIES

Industrial Facilities Corporation, Board of Directors

Executive Director, Marcel Valois

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 0

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation (RIIFC) was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1967. The Corporation constitutes a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State having a distinct legal existence from the State. The Corporation is empowered to issue bonds for private sector entities to expand their facilities. They can also act as a local development corporation.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rhode Island Industrial Facilities Corporation ("RIIFC") issues tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds without guarantee or insurance for the applicant.

Tax-Exempt Bonds: Maximum limit is prescribed by IRS (Normally to \$20 million). Terms are dependent upon the bond purchaser. Manufacturing projects are eligible, up to 100% of the project cost. Floating or fixed rate applied, determined by the market. An Administrative Fee of 1/8 of 1% is charged annually on outstanding principal balance.

Taxable Bonds: Maximum limit established by bond purchaser or credit enhancer. Terms are established by lender. Manufacturing, selected commercial facilities, and travel-tourist facilities are eligible, up to 100% of the project cost. Rate is usually floating, dependent on lender. An Administrative Fee of 1/8 of 1% is charged annually on outstanding principal balance.

Approved use of funds for both tax-exempt and taxable bonds includes the purchase of land, building, machinery and equipment as well as the related "soft" costs of the project.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Marcel Valois	401-278-9100
Treasurer	Adam Quinlan	401-278-9100 x160
Secretary	Stacy Farrell	401-278-9100 x126

Infrastructure Bank, Rhode Island

Executive Director/CEO, Jeffrey R. Diehl

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Providence, RI 02908
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Email: info@ricwfa.com

Fax: 401-453-4094
Website: www.riinfrastructurebank.com

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$7,089,849

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 9

DESCRIPTION

Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank's mission is to support and finance investments in the State's infrastructure. RIIB does so through a variety of means, including the issuance of bonds, the making of loans and grants, and the engagement with and mobilization of sources of public and private capital. Through its activities RIIB fosters infrastructure improvements that enhance the environment, create jobs and promote economic development.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Oversees and administers infrastructure revolving fund including: The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Community Septic System Loan Program, Sewer Tie-In Loan Fund, RI Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, Facility Plan Loan Program, RI Zero Interest Loan Fund, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund, Efficient Buildings Fund, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy, Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy, and the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director/CEO	Jeffrey R. Diehl	401-453-4430 x114
Deputy Director/CFO	Michael P. Larocque	401-453-4430 x113
Chief Operating Officer	David Birkins	401-453-4430 x115
Administrative Assistant	Marcelina Jackson	401-453-4430 x119
Road and Bridge Program/Compliance Manager	Helen Terra	401-453-4430 x116

Judicial Nominating Commission

c/o Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, 3rd Fl., Conf. Rm. #2
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 401-222-6432
Email: sdowling@apslaw.com

TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$22,250

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 1

DESCRIPTION

The Judicial Nominating Commission, upon notification of a judicial vacancy or prospective vacancy in the Rhode Island courts, screens and nominates highly qualified applicants to the Governor to fill judicial vacancies. The duties of the Commission are set forth in Chapter 16.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To fulfill the duties and responsibilities outlined in the above statute and in the above description.

PERSONNEL

Chairperson	Sarah T. Dowling, Esq.	401-274-7200
Legal Assistant	Rachel DiNezza	401-274-7200

Labor and Training, Department of

Director, Scott R. Jensen

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Website: www.dlt.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$445,900,000 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 436

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training offers a wide array of employment and training services to both the general public and to individuals with unusual barriers to employment. DLT is ready to assist any job seeker, whether the goal is a first job, a better job, or a career change. Rhode Island's work force is protected through the enforcement of labor laws, prevailing wage rates, and work place health and safety standards. Temporary income support is available to those injured on the job. DLT is dedicated to the growth and competitiveness of Rhode Island industry, administering a variety of training grants, tax credits, and apprenticeship programs to help employers. Economic indicators and labor market information are available for long-range planning. The Agency engages in active outreach, helping large and small employers retain their best workers or retrain their existing work force. At no cost to the employer, DLT will also screen job applicants, post job vacancies, and help businesses institute cost-sharing programs that can avert layoffs.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

DLT administers the following programs: Workforce Investment Act; Employment and Training Services; Unemployment Insurance; Temporary Disability Insurance; Workers' Compensation and the Rehabilitation Unit at the Donley Center; Labor Market Information; Labor Standards; Occupational Safety; Professional Regulation. DLT staffs the following groups: Apprenticeship Council; Governor's Workforce Board; State Workforce Investment Office; Workforce Partnership of Greater RI (one of two Workforce investment Boards); Board of Review; RI Labor Relations Board.

PERSONNEL

Director	Scott R. Jensen	401-462-8870
Deputy Director	Lisa C. D'Agostino	401-462-8584
Assistant Director, Labor Market Information	Donna Murray	401-462-8751
Assistant Director, Workforce Regulation	Joseph Degnan	401-462-8165
Assistant Director, Unemployment Insurance/ Temporary Disability Insurance	Robert Langlais	401-462-8767
Assistant Director, Worker's Compensation Self Insurance/Workers' Compensation Education	Matt Carey	401-462-8127
Assistant Director of Business Affairs	Diane Gagne	401-462-8147
Assistant Director of Workforce Development	Sarah Blusiewicz	401-462-8712
Assistant Director of Administrative Services	Matthew Weldon	401-462-8150
Legal Division Chief Legal Counsel	Sean Fontes	401-462-8861
Governor's Workforce Board's Executive Director	Heather Hudson	401-462-2425
Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island's Executive Director	Nancy Olson	401-462-8862

AGENCIES

Labor Relations Board, Rhode Island State

Administrator, Robyn Golden

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Website: www.rislr.b.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$405,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 9

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board is an autonomous board, housed within the RI Department of Labor and Training. In accordance with Section 28-7-4 of the RI General Laws, the Governor, with Senate consent, appoints the seven members of the Labor Relations Board. Three (3) members of the Board shall be representatives of labor, three (3) members shall represent management, including at least one representative of local government, and one member shall be a representative of the general public. The members of the Board are appointed for a term of six (6) years each.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Labor Relations Board administers and enforces the provisions of the RI State Labor Relations Act (RI General Laws 28-7) and its Amendments, which deal with labor-management relations. The Board is responsible for determining the appropriateness of collective bargaining units, for certifying employee's representatives, and has the authority to remedy and prevent unfair labor practices.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The RI State Labor Relations Board's website is available for access, by the general public, at www.rislr.b.ri.gov. The website encompasses Certifications and Decisions of the Board dating back as far as the 1950's; as well as the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Board's Monthly Meeting and Formal Hearing Schedules, the Board's Agendas and Open Minutes, Forms and Petitions and the State Labor Relations Act and its Amendments.

PERSONNEL

Administrator	Robyn Golden
Representing Management - Chair	Walter J. Lanni
Representing Labor	Frank J. Montanaro
Representing Labor	Marcia B. Reback
Representing Labor	Scott G. Duhamel
Representing Management - Local Government	Vacant
Representing - Public Generally	Aronda R. Kirby
Representing Management	Alberto Aponte Cardona

Lieutenant Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Daniel J. McKee

State House
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Providence, RI 02903
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Website: www.ltgov.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,053,288

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 8

DESCRIPTION

The Lieutenant Governor is elected by the voters of Rhode Island to serve as one of the five General Officers mandated by the State's Constitution. Under the Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor assumes the duties of the Governor during any vacancies in the Governor's office or in the event the Governor is unable to serve. The Lieutenant Governor is also charged with serving in a number of other capacities, including chairing several councils. The Lieutenant Governor may serve two consecutive four-year terms.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Under state law, the Lieutenant Governor is responsible for working in several policy areas in state government through the councils he chairs. They include the Small Business Advocacy Council, which was created to give small business a voice in government; the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council, which helps ensure the state is prepared for emergencies; and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, which works to preserve seniors' quality of life in all settings. Under an executive order signed in 2015, the Lieutenant Governor is also leading an effort to develop best practices for the sharing of services by Rhode Island's cities and towns.

PERSONNEL

Lieutenant Governor	Daniel J. McKee	401-222-2371
Chief of Staff	Anthony J. Silva	401-222-2371
Executive Secretary	Tabatha L. Dube	401-222-2371
Communications Director	Andrea Palagi	401-222-2371
Senior Policy Advisor	E. Craig Dwyer	401-222-2371
Policy Advisor	Paulette D. Hamilton	401-222-2371
Special Projects Manager	Rosa E. De Castillo	401-222-2371
Communications Associate	Robert Venturini	401-222-2371

Lotteries, Division of

Director, Gerald S. Aubin

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$370,210,160

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 78

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Lottery is responsible for the sale of lottery products and tickets as the only authorized agency, by constitutional amendment and legislative decree, to run a lottery, as a revenue-generating arm of the State.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To maximize the sale of lottery products and tickets to enhance the general fund of the State of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Lottery supports itself totally through lottery products and ticket revenue and receives no appropriation from the state budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Rhode Island Lottery sells numerous lottery products, such as Instant Tickets, Keno, PowerBall, Wild Money, Mega Millions, Lucky for Life, Bingo, and the Numbers Game. In addition, the Rhode Island Lottery is authorized to operate and control the Video Lottery Terminals and Table Games at Twin River and Video Lottery Terminals at Newport Grand.

PERSONNEL

Director	Gerald S. Aubin	401-463-6500
Deputy Director	Margaret Rose	401-463-6500
Legal Counsel	Marilyn McConaghy	401-463-6500
Finance Administrator	Daniel Sarro	401-463-6500
Director, Management Info. System Lottery	Joseph Santurri	401-463-6500

Mental Health Advocate, Office of the Director/Mental Health Advocate, Megan N. Clingham, Esq.

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Fax: 401-462-2008

TDD: 401-462-6018

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$42,009

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 4

DESCRIPTION

Legal services to clients of the public mental health system; compliance review, policies and procedures, community mental health centers and psychiatric hospitals. Representation of clients in court.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Protects the liberty rights and treatment rights of people with mental illness, and engages in public outreach and anti-stigma campaigns.

PERSONNEL		
Director/Mental Health Advocate	Megan N. Clingham, Esq.	401-462-2003
Staff Attorney	Jacqueline Burns, Esq.	401-462-2003
Staff Attorney	Bruce D. Todesco, Esq.	401-462-2003
Administrative Assistant	Marianna Almeida	401-462-2003

Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office

Assistant Administrator, Dorinda Keene

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TDD: 711
Website: www.odeo.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET:

TOTAL PERSONNEL:

DESCRIPTION

MBECO promotes the development of certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). It does this by facilitating their participation in Rhode Island's business and economic development opportunities. Specifically, MBECO provides services in certification, enforcement, business assistance and advocacy.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Our goals include increasing the number of MBE, WBE and DBE firms available for contract competition; fostering relationships between MBE, WBE and DBE firms with state agencies, quasi-state agencies, purchasing agents and prime vendors; providing opportunities for growth and development of MBE, WBE, and DBE firms; and ensuring compliance with the participation of MBE, WBE and DBE firms on all state procurement activities.

PERSONNEL

Assistant Administrator	Dorinda Keene	401-574-8670
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Motor Vehicles, Division of

Administrator, Walter Craddock

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Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 401-462-4368
Website: www.dmv.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$25,244,889

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 171

DESCRIPTION

The Division of Motor Vehicles (also known as the Registry of Motor Vehicles) is responsible for administering and enforcing all laws pertaining to the operation and registration of motor vehicles; issuing driver and commercial licenses and enforcing all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

PERSONNEL

Administrator	Walter Craddock	401-462-5705
Deputy Administrator	Clare Sedlock	401-462-5718
Assistant Administrator	Charles H. Hollis	401-462-5703
Assistant Administrator	Marcy Coleman	401-462-5703
Finance Administrator	Ron Davidson	401-462-5853
Chief, Enforcement	Lt. David Doucet	401-462-5744
Chief, Support Services	Nancy Tracy	401-462-5725
Chief, Business and Commercial Services	Michael Vispo	401-462-5745
Chief, Operator Control	Michael Kinch	401-462-0838
Legal Counsel	Vacant	

Narragansett Bay Commission

Executive Director, Raymond J. Marshall, PE

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$103,544,004

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Website: www.narrabay.com

TDD: 711

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 255

DESCRIPTION

The Narragansett Bay Commission was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1980 to reduce pollution and improve the quality of Narragansett Bay and its tributaries. The NBC, a non-profit public corporation regulated by the RI Public Utilities Commission, provides wastewater collection and treatment services to over 350,000 people in Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland, East Providence, and portions of Smithfield and Cranston.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Narragansett Bay Commission owns and operates RI's two largest wastewater treatment facilities--the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in Providence and the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in East Providence---and is responsible for 110 miles of interceptors, 7 pump stations, 32 tidegates and 62 combined sewer overflows.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Raymond J. Marshall, PE	401-461-8848 x321
Director, Executive Affairs	Laurie Horridge, Esq.	401-461-8848 x331
Director, Operations and Engineering	Paul Nordstrom, PE	401-461-8848 x332
Director, Administration & Finance	Karen Giebink	401-461-8848 x342
Director, Planning, Policy & Regulation	Tom Uva	401-461-8848 x470
Director, Construction Services	Richard Bernier, PE	401-461-8848 x326

Parole Board

Chairperson, Laura A. Pisaturo, Esq.

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Website: www.paroleboard.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,531,766

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 10

DESCRIPTION

The Parole Board evaluates and determines the conditional early release of inmates, in accordance with state statutes. The Sexual Offender Community Notification Unit assists the Parole Board and Sexual Offender Board of Review in the implementation of community notification about sexual offenders.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Consideration and conditional early release of those incarcerated offenders for whom a community setting is appropriate with a productive means of completing their sentence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Chairperson is appointed to two (2) year terms by the governor. The six (6) part time members serve three (3) year terms. The Sexual Offender Community Notification Unit was added to the Parole Board organizational structure.

PERSONNEL

Chairperson	Laura A. Pisaturo, Esq.	401-462-0900
Member, Vice Chair	Victoria Almeida, Esq.	401-462-0900
Administrator	Matthew Degnan	401-462-0902
Special Projects Coordinator, SOCNU Unit	Vacant	

Planning Council, State

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$5,198,683

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 24

DESCRIPTION

Plan for physical, social, and economic development.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Adopt state guide plan. Transportation planning and local comprehensive plan approval.

PERSONNEL

Supervisor, Long Range Planning	Nancy Hess	401-222-6480
Supervisor, Comprehensive Plans	Kevin Nelson	401-222-2093
Supervisor, Planning Information Center	Vincent Flood	401-222-1243

Properties Committee, State

Chair, Parag Agrawal

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Providence, RI 02908
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TDD: 401-222-1227
Website: www.statepropertiescommittee.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$0 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 9**

DESCRIPTION

The State Properties Committee acts in cooperation with the departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, and agencies of the state for the purpose of acquiring, administering, and disposing of interests in land and other real property for the improvement of the administration of the state government, the advancement of commerce, and the protection and improvement of the health, welfare, and safety for the inhabitants of this state.

PERSONNEL

Chair	Parag Agrawal	401-222-6496
DOA Designee	Marco Schiappa	401-222-5717
Attorney General Designee	Mariana Ormonde, Esq.	
Executive Secretary	Donna Conway	401-222-1280
General Treasurer Designee	Patrick Marr	
Public Member	Connie Pemmerl	

Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Mary S. McElroy, Esq.

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Website: www.ripd.org

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$11,866,028

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 93

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Public Defender was created by the RI General Assembly in 1941. Rhode Island was the first state in the country to establish a statewide public defender office. The Public Defender is appointed by the Governor for a six-year term with the advice and consent of the Senate. Deputy and Assistant Public Defenders serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Rhode Island guarantee the indigent defendant/respondent accused of a crime the services of a public defender lawyer. The Public Defender and his/her staff have represented thousands of people in all courts of Rhode Island. Every public defender is a full-time, salaried lawyer who specializes in criminal law; each is educated and licensed in the same way as private lawyers.

PERSONNEL

Public Defender	Mary S. McElroy, Esq.	401-222-3492
Executive Assistant	Patricia Platt	401-222-1553
Deputy Public Defender	Matthew Toro, Esq.	401-222-1511
Chief Investigator	William McCoy	401-222-3492
Casework Supervisor	Alberta Catallozzi	401-458-3050
Chief of Trial	Vacant	
Chief of Juvenile	Anne Travers, Esq.	401-222-1530
Chief of Appellate	Lara Montecalvo, Esq.	401-222-1510
Chief of Parental Rights	Brian LeClair, Esq.	

Public Utilities Commission

Administrator, Macky McCleary

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Warwick, RI 02888
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Website: www.ripuc.org

Fax: 401-941-1691

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$8,906,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 51

DESCRIPTION

The Public Utilities Commission comprises two distinct regulatory bodies: a three-member Commission (the “Commission”) and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (the “Division”).

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission serves as a quasi-judicial tribunal with jurisdiction, powers and duties to implement and enforce the standards of conduct under RIGL 39-1-27.6 and to hold investigations and hearings involving the rates, tariff, tolls, and charges, and the sufficiency and reasonableness of facilities and accommodations of railroads, ferry boats, gas, electric distribution, water, telephone, telegraph, and pipelines public utilities, the location of railroad depots and stations, and the control of grade crossings, the revocation, suspension or alteration of certificates issued pursuant to RIGL 39-19-4, appeals under RIGL 39-1-30, petitions under RIGL 39-1-30, and proceedings under RIGL 39-1-32. Through participation in the Energy Siting Board, the Commission’s chair also exercises jurisdiction over the siting of major energy facilities, pursuant to Chapter 42-98. The Division is headed by an Administrator, who is not a Commissioner, exercises the jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties not specifically assigned to the Commission, including the execution of all laws relating to public utilities and carriers and all regulations and orders of the Commission governing the conduct and charges of public utilities. The Division has exclusive jurisdiction over the rates, tariffs, tolls and charges and the sufficiency, and reasonableness of facilities and accommodations of common carriers of property and passengers over the State’s public roadways, pursuant to Chapters 39-12, 39-13 and 39-14. Additionally, the Division supervises and regulates Community Antenna Television Systems (CATV) in Rhode Island; certifies all public utilities; and has independent regulatory authority over the transactions between public utilities and affiliates, and all public utility equity and debt issuances.

PERSONNEL

Administrator	Macky McCleary	401-941-4500 x115
Associate Administrator/Operations Officer	Kevin Lynch	401-941-4500 x117
Chief of Legal Services (Commission)	Patricia Lucarelli	401-941-4500 x104
Principal Policy Analyst	Todd Bianco	401-941-4500 x106
Chief Financial Analyst	Sharon Colby Camara	401-941-4500 x157
Chief of Legal Services (Division)	John Spirito	401-941-4500 x152

Resource Recovery Corporation, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Michael J. O’Connell

65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919
Phone: 401-942-1430 x262
Website: www.rirrc.org

Fax: 401-942-3280

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$49,520,165

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 98

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Corporation’s primary objectives are to promote systems for reducing waste generation, divert recyclable waste from disposal, and provide cost-effective disposal for the State. The Corporation operates the Central Landfill, located on 1,100 acres on Shun Pike in western Johnston. The Central Landfill provides disposal service to about 96% of the state’s residents, disposing of approximately 750,000 tons of municipal and commercial solid waste annually. RIRRC’s Material Recycling Facility is the largest MRF in the Northeast processing 95,000 tons of recyclables annually.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Michael J. O’Connell	401-942-1430
Chief Financial Officer	Dean Huff	401-942-1830
Chief of Security/Maintenance	Gary W. Maddocks, Jr.	401-942-1430

Revenue, Department of

Director, Robert S. Hull

One Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 401-574-8999

Website: www.dor.ri.gov

Fax: 401-574-8997

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$485,517,596

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 523

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Revenue was established as a separate department within the executive branch of state government by the 2006 General Assembly and came into existence on July 1, 2006. The department is headed by the Director of Revenue, who is appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Department has six divisions, including Central Management (Director of Revenue and Legal), Division of Taxation, Rhode Island Lottery, Division of Motor Vehicles, Office of Revenue Analysis and Division of Municipal Finance.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of Revenue is responsible for the oversight of the Divisions of: Taxation; Rhode Island Lottery; Motor Vehicles; Office of Revenue Analysis; and Municipal Finance.

PERSONNEL

Director	Robert S. Hull	
Deputy Director	Heather Martino	401-574-9907
Chief Financial Officer	Jane Cole	401-574-8142
Administrator of Legal Services	Marilyn S. McConaghy	401-574-9109
Chief of Information and Public Relations	Paul Grimaldi	401-574-8766
Chief, Municipal Finance	Susanne Greschner	401-574-9900
Tax Administrator, Taxation	Neena S. Savage	401-574-8922
Chief, Office of Revenue Analysis	Paul L. Dion	401-574-8943
Executive Director, Lottery	Gerald S. Aubin	401-463-6500
Administrator, Motor Vehicles	Walter Craddock	401-462-5705

State Fire Marshal, Rhode Island

State Fire Marshal, John E. Chartier

560 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02866
Phone: 401-889-5555
Website: www.fire-marshal.ri.gov

Fax: 401-889-5533

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$6,918,393 **TOTAL PERSONNEL: 34**

DESCRIPTION

The Division of the State Fire Marshal is within the Department of Public Safety of State Government, as enacted by General Laws Title 23-28.2-1, known as the State Fire Marshal's Office. The head of this division is the State Fire Marshal, who is appointed by the Governor for a five-year term with advice and consent of the State Senate.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The State Fire Marshal and Deputy State Fire Marshal shall have the authority to enforce and perform the duties required of the State Fire Safety Code 23-28.1 through 28.9 of this title. This includes all other provisions of the general laws and public laws in so far as such powers and duties relate to fires, fire prevention, fire protection, fire inspections and fire investigations. It shall also be the duty of the State Fire Marshal to enforce all laws of this state in regard to: 1. The keeping, storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling, transportation, or other disposition of explosive and flammable materials. 2. Conducting and supervising fire safety inspections of all buildings regulated by the code within the State of Rhode Island. 3. It shall be the duty of the State Fire Marshal and his/her deputies to certify to any state or federal agency whether or not any building covered satisfied the requirements of Chapters 28.1 through 28.9 of this title. Within the division, there shall be a bomb disposal unit whose duties are to assist local fire and police authorities in the proper methods of handling and disposition of all hazardous devices suspected to be explosive or incendiary in construction. This unit shall be supervised by an Explosive Technician.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This division is also mandated by law to license all persons to handle or deal in explosives and fireworks and investigate all burn injuries when the injury covers 5% or more of the body. The State Fire Training Academy is required to implement fire education and training programs developed by the Fire Education and Training Board. The Academy shall develop and offer firefighter standards based on the National Fire Protection Association. The State Fire Marshal and or Deputy or Assistant Deputies may investigate any fire and shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire of suspicious origin. The investigators shall begin immediately after the fire and the local government officials shall cooperate completely and assist the State Fire Marshal in all phases of the investigation.

PERSONNEL

State Fire Marshal	John E. Chartier	401-889-5555
Chief Deputy	James Gumbely	401-889-5555
Chief Deputy	John Dean	401-889-5475
Chief of Inspections	Octavio Vieira	401-889-5439
Chief of Plan Review	Wade Palazini	401-889-5438
Explosives & Flammable Liquids Tech	Robert Mowry	401-294-3057
Chief of Investigations	Michael Sweeney	401-889-5476
Juvenile Firesetter Program	Vincent Quintero	401-294-5417
Director of Rhode Island Fire Academy	Mark Pare	401-294-5417
Training Academy - Clerk Secretary	Tina Ahlborg	401-294-5417
Senior Inspector	Michael Macaruso	401-383-7237
Senior Inspector	Christopher Moore	401-889-5464
Arson Watch Hotline		401-383-7723

AGENCIES

State Police, Rhode Island

Superintendent/Director, Col. Ann C. Assumpico

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North Scituate, RI 02857

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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$83,700,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 298

DESCRIPTION

Full service, statewide law enforcement agency.

PERSONNEL

Superintendent/Director	Col. Ann C. Assumpico	401-444-1120
Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Field Operations/ Commanding Officer of Department of Public Safety		
Chief Investigative/Administrative Officer	Lt. Col. Kevin M. Barry	401-444-1002
Executive Administrative Officer	Lt. Col. Joseph F. Philbin	401-444-1003
Inspectional Services	Maj. Robert S. Wall	401-444-1004
Detective Commander	Maj. Christopher J. Dicomitis	401-444-1005
Executive Officer/Department of Public Safety	Maj. Dennis B. Fleming	401-444-1006
District "A" Commander	Capt. Timothy G. Sanzi	401-444-1007
District "B" Commander	Capt. John M. Allen	401-444-1008
Computer/Cyber/Homeland Security	Capt. Matthew C. Moynihan	401-444-1009
Professional Standards	Capt. John C. Alfred	401-444-1010
Assistant Detective Commander	Capt. Kenneth S. Buonaiuto	401-444-1011
Director of Training	Capt. Gerald M. McKinney	401-444-1012
	Capt. Darnell S. Weaver	401-444-1014

State, Department of

Secretary of State, Nellie M. Gorbea

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Website: www.sos.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$10,534,006 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 59

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Department of State engages and empowers all Rhode Islanders by making government more accessible and transparent, encouraging civic pride, enhancing commerce, and ensuring that elections are fair, fast and accurate.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Through our Business Services Division, we maintain filings for active and inactive businesses. These include for-profit and non-profit corporations, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies. Our online Business Portal makes it easier to start or grow a business by creating a custom-tailored road map of relevant permits, applications, and other government services. Business Services also administers the Uniform Commercial Code Program as well as registers Notaries, Trademarks, and Games of Chance. The Elections and Civics Division prepares all ballots, maintains the state's voter registration database and publishes guides for candidates and voters. The Division of State Archives, Library, and Public Information serve as a gateway to open government tools. The State Archives is responsible for comprehensive archives, a state-wide records management program, and preserves historic documents and records. The Rhode Island State Library provides reference and research services in the areas of law, legislation, government reports, and Rhode Island History. Public Information registers and tracks lobbying activity and regulations within Rhode Island state government, and publishes upcoming and past meetings of all state and local government entities, including boards and commissions. Finally, the Department of State offers guided tours to State House visitors and oversees the State House Visitor Center and Gift Shop.

PERSONNEL

Secretary of State	Nellie M. Gorbea	401-222-2357
Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff	Gonzalo A. Cuervo	401-222-2357
Deputy Secretary/Director of Administration	Melissa A. Long	401-222-2357
Senior Advisor/Director of Communications	Nicole Lagace	401-222-2357
Director of Legislative Affairs	Jason Martiesian	401-222-2357
Director of Community Relations	Jason Hernandez	401-222-2357
Director of Business Services	Maureen Ewing	401-222-3040
Director of Elections	Rob Rock	401-222-2340
Director of State Archives, Library & Public Information	Kaitlynne E. Ward	401-222-2357
Chief Innovation Officer/Director of IT	Christopher Fowler	401-222-2357

AGENCIES

Student Loan Authority, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Charles P. Kelley

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Fax: 401-468-1745 TDD: 401-468-1750
Website: www.risla.com

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$33,200,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 44

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA) is a non-profit quasi-state authority which has been providing affordable higher education solutions since 1981. RISLA offers low cost state-based education loans, free admissions and financial aid assistance through the College Planning Center of Rhode Island, a free internship finder through Bridge.jobs and financial literacy guidance at high schools and colleges throughout the State of Rhode Island.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Originate and service low cost education financing options for students and parents
- Originate and service low cost education loan refinancing options for student loan borrowers
- Provide free college planning & financial aid guidance through the College Planning Center of Rhode Island
- Administer the Nursing Reward, Nurse Educator Reward, and Intern Reward programs to assist borrowers with the repayment on their student debt
- Provide & administer a scholarship matching tool through www.rischolarships.org
- Provide and administer an internship matching tool through www.bridge.jobs
- Provide free financial literacy counseling at high schools, colleges and organization state-wide
- Administer the Paul Sherlock Scholarship program

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Charles P. Kelley	401-468-1700
Director, School Relations	Gail Walker	401-468-1737
Deputy Director & CFO	Noel Simpson	401-468-1792

Taxation, Division of

Tax Administrator, Neena S. Savage

One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 401-574-8829
Email: tax.assist@tax.ri.gov

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$23,731,898

Fax: 401-574-8917
Website: www.tax.state.ri.us

TDD: 711

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 222

DESCRIPTION

The Division of Taxation is responsible for the administration and enforcement of all personal and business taxes in Rhode Island.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Collection and assessment of all state taxes.

PERSONNEL

Tax Administrator	Neena S. Savage	401-574-8846
Chief of Examination	Michael Canole	401-574-8729
Chief Compliance & Collections	Jacques Moreau	401-574-8884
Chief Revenue Agent, Personal Income Tax	Leo Lebeuf	401-574-8983
Chief Revenue Agent, Excise Tax	Theriza Salib-Iafrate	401-574-8934
Chief Revenue Agent, Employer Tax	Philip D'Ambra	401-574-8785
Chief of Tax Processing	Susanna Coburn	401-574-8892
Chief of Estate Tax	Meaghan Kelly	401-574-9139
Chief of Legal Services	Bernard Lemos	401-574-8987
Chief Revenue Agent, Field Audit	Patrick Gengarella	401-574-8771
Chief Revenue Agent, Special Investigation Unit	Sharon Garner	401-574-8874
Chief Revenue Agent, Outreach	Neil Downing	401-574-8115
Chief Revenue Agent, Revenue Accounting/Registration	Kristin Cipriano	401-574-8868
Chief Revenue Agent, Office Audit	Steven Cobb	401-574-8734
Chief Revenue Agent, Corporation Tax Section	Marlen Bautista	401-574-8806

Transit Authority, Rhode Island Public

Chief Executive Officer, Raymond B. Studley

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Providence, RI 02907

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Fax: 401-784-9513

Website: www.ripta.com

TDD: 401-784-9524

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$117,600,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 831

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) provides mass transit service in 38 of the 39 cities and towns within the State of Rhode Island. An eight-member Board of Directors governs the Authority. RIPTA's present fleet of vehicles contains 240 fixed route buses, 135 paratransit vans and 21 flex vans. RIPTA's main bus boarding facility is located in the City of Providence with a satellite terminal in the City of Newport. In FY14, RIPTA provided approximately 9.8 million fixed-route vehicle miles annually in Rhode Island. RIPTA, the State's Mobility Manager, operates over 3,000 daily bus trips on over 50 bus routes throughout the state. In FY14, RIPTA provided over 20 million rides.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority is empowered to provide fixed route mass bus operations and complimentary paratransit service to ADA eligible Rhode Islanders within 3/4 mile of fixed route service that are deemed in the best interest of the people of the State of Rhode Island.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Authority was created as a body corporate and politic in 1964 by Rhode Island law 39-18-2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. RIPTA's purpose is to acquire, purchase, hold, use and dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the mission of the Authority.

PERSONNEL

Chief Executive Officer	Raymond B. Studley	401-784-9500 x134
Executive Assistant	Elizabeth Silvestre	401-784-9500 x171
Chief Legal Counsel	Benjamin Salzillo	401-784-9500 x139
Public Affairs Officer	Barbara Polichetti	401-784-9500 x203
Chief Security Officer	James Pereira	401-784-9500 x222
Executive Director Safety & Operations	James Tierney	401-784-9500 x239

Transportation, Department of

Director, Peter Alviti, Jr.

Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

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Email: customerservice@dot.ri.gov

Fax: 401-222-2086

Website: www.dot.ri.gov

TDD: 401-222-4971

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$534,458,464

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 741

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Transportation is responsible for the implementation of both short and long-term transportation improvements for the State of Rhode Island. Included in this effort is the maintenance of over 1,300 miles of roadways, 750 bridges and over 800 traffic signalization systems. The Department is also responsible for maintaining a continuing comprehensive transportation program by coordinating and performing planning functions for all modes of transportation.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The mission of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation is to provide a safe, efficient, effective, environmentally, aesthetically and culturally sensitive intermodal transportation network that offers a variety of convenient, cost-effective mobility opportunities for people and the movement of goods supporting economic development and improved quality of life.

PERSONNEL

Director	Peter Alviti, Jr.	401-222-2450
Chief Operating Officer (Acting)	Loren Doyle	401-222-2481
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Acting)	John J. Iglioizzi	401-222-6510
Communications Director	Liz Pettengill	401-222-1362
Administrator, Human Resources	Paul E. Pysz	401-222-2572; 401-222-2774
Administrator, Division of Planning	Meredith Brady	401-222-6940

Turnpike and Bridge Authority, Rhode Island

Executive Director, Buddy Croft

1 East Shore Rd.

PO Box 437

Jamestown, RI 02835

Phone: 401-423-0800

Website: www.ritba.org

Fax: 401-423-0830

TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$34,500,000

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 46

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) operates and maintains the Mount Hope Bridge, the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, Route 138 through Jamestown, the Newport Pell Bridge and the Sakonnet River Bridge. The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was created in 1954 by the Rhode Island General Assembly as a body corporate and politic, with powers to construct, acquire, maintain and operate bridge projects as defined by law. The Authority first operated and maintained the Mount Hope Bridge which connects Aquidneck Island at Portsmouth to Bristol. The Authority was then tasked with the construction of the Claiborne Pell/Newport Bridge connecting Jamestown to Newport. This was opened to traffic on June 28, 1969 and both have been operated and maintained by the Authority ever since. The Authority acquired control of the Sakonnet River Bridge, the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge and the 138 highway connector in 2013. Up until then, these two bridges and roadways were owned and operated by the State of Rhode Island.

PERSONNEL

Executive Director	Buddy Croft	401-423-0800
Chair	Stephen C. Waluk	401-423-0800
Vice Chair	Richard S. Humphrey	401-423-0800
Board Member	Judith M. Morse	401-423-0800
Board Member	Darrell Waldron	401-423-0800
Board Member, Ex-Officio	Peter Alviti, Jr.	401-423-0800
Chief Financial Officer	Maggie Baker	401-423-0800
Director of Engineering	Eric Offenberg, PE	401-423-0800
Manager of Electronic Tolling	Kathryn O'Connor	401-423-0800
Chief of Maintenance	James Romano	401-423-1909
Chief Technology Officer	Michael Bonsignore	401-423-1910
Director of Toll Plaza Operations, Safety and Security	Kathryn O'Connor	401-423-0800

Water Resources Board, Rhode Island

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Providence, RI 02908

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Fax: 401-222-2083
Website: www.wrb.ri.gov TDD: 711

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$425,000 TOTAL PERSONNEL: 3

DESCRIPTION

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board is an executive agency of state government charged with managing the proper development, utilization and conservation of water resources. The Rhode Island Water Resources Board Corporate is a quasi-public corporation separate and apart from the Board. The Board Corporate has the power to revenue bond for the purpose of carrying out the mission of the Water Resources Board.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board Corporate’s primary mission is to establish public water supply facilities, lease facilities or sell water derived from those facilities. Water facilities include wells, well sites, reservoirs, transmission or distribution systems and all associated real estate interests inclusive of water supply equipment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Rhode Island Water Resources Board and the Rhode Island Water Resources Board Corporate are defined by statute as agencies which can acquire lands, water rights, and easements for all water supply needs; design and/or construct water supply facilities; lease, sell or effect mergers of water supply systems; and loan or borrow money for water supply.

PERSONNEL

General Manager and Treasurer	Vacant	
Staff Director, General Manager (Acting)	Kathleen Crawley	401-222-6696
Supervising Civil Engineer	Vacant	

RHODE ISLAND
CITY AND TOWN
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 16,310

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	James J. Cunha	401-247-1900 x5
Town Solicitor	Michael A. Ursillo, Esq.	401-331-2222
Town Clerk	Meredith DeSisto	401-247-1900 x4
Finance Director	Kathy Raposa	401-247-1900 x2
Tax Assessor	Michael R. Minardi	401-247-1900 x3
Police Chief	John LaCross	401-437-3938
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director	Gerald Bessette	401-437-3940
Public Works Director	Joseph Piccerelli	401-247-1907
Library Director	Deborah A. Barchi	401-247-1920
Building/Zoning Official	Robert B. Speaker	401-247-1900 x1
Human Resources Director	MariAnn Oliveira	401-247-1900 x8
Leisure Services Director	Michele Geremia	401-247-1900 x9
Probate Judge	Marvin Homonoff, Esq.	401-247-1900 x4
Municipal Judge	Francis A. Connor, III	401-437-3937
Board of Canvassers, Chair	Claire L. Boyes	401-247-1900 x4

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Form of Government: Elected Town Administrator and Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 3rd Wed. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 22,954

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Steven Contente	401-253-7000
Town Clerk	Louis P. Cirillo, CMC	401-253-7000
Treasurer/Tax Collector	Julie R. Goucher	401-253-7000
Police Chief	Josue D. Canario	401-253-6900
Fire Chief	Michael DeMello	401-253-6912
Public Works Director	James J. Galuska	401-253-4100
Community Development Director	Diane M. Williamson	401-253-7000
Town Solicitor	Michael A. Ursillo, Esq.	401-331-2222
Assessor	Chris Belair	401-253-7000
Building Inspector/Minimum Housing	Richard J. Pimenta	401-253-7000
Planning Board Chair	Jerome A. Squatrito	401-253-7000
Zoning Official	Edward P. Tanner	401-253-7000
School Superintendent	Mario J. Andrade, EdD	401-253-4000
Director of Human Services	Edward Carusi	401-253-4831
Recreation Director	Walter Burke	401-253-1611

TOWN COUNCIL

Nathan T. Calouro	401-237-0003
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours: Mon. - Wed. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Form of Government: Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 15,955

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Michael C. Wood	401-568-4300
Town Clerk	Louise R. Phaneuf	401-568-9453
Chief of Police	Col. Stephen J. Lynch	401-568-9494
Director of Public Works	Jeffrey M. McCormick, PE	401-568-4440
Building Official/Minimum Housing/Zoning	Joseph Raymond	401-568-4300
Deputy Town Planner	M. Christine Langlois	401-568-4300
Assessor	Susan Makar	401-568-4300
Recreation Director	Andrea Hall	401-568-9470
Town Solicitor	William C. Dimitri	401-273-9092
Emergency Management Director	Glen Biddiscombe	401-641-0898
School Superintendent	Dr. Frank W. Pallotta, Jr.	401-568-1301
Library Director	Beth Ullucci, MLIS	401-710-9386
Library Director	Raymond Tellier	401-568-6226

TOWN COUNCIL

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Form of Government: Mayor and City Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Mon. of month at 6:00 p.m.

Census: 19,376

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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Administrative and Finance Officer	Leonard Morganis	401-724-7400 x2449
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Chief of Staff	Joshua J. Giraldo	401-727-2426
Tax Assessor	J. Robert Battey	401-727-7430 x2407
Planning and Ecomonic Development Director	Peter Friedrichs	401-727-7480
Public Works Director	Elaine Partridge	401-727-7460 x2441
Code Enforcement Director	Elaine Partridge	401-727-7460 x2441
Board of Canvassers/Registrar	Sonia Grace	401-727-7400 x2412
City Clerk/Purchasing Agent	Sonia Grace	401-727-7400 x2412
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Personnel Director	Jackie Parra	401-727-7405 x2436
Finance Director/Tax Collector	Cynthia Dejesus	401-727-7470 x2404
Fire Chief	Robert Bradley	401-727-7446
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Form of Government: Town Council and Town Administrator

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Mon. of month

Census: 7,827

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Mark S. Stankiewicz	401-364-1210
Tax Assessor/IT Coordinator	Kenneth J. Swain	401-364-1233
Building Official	Joseph Warner	401-364-1215
Town Clerk	Amy Rose Weinreich	401-364-1200
Emergency Management Director	Kevin Gallup	401-641-1217
Librarian	Ulla Virks	401-364-6211
Town Planner	Jane Weidman	401-364-1225
Police Chief	Jeffrey S. Allen	401-364-1212
Probate Judge	Robert E. Craven	401-295-9050
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Parks and Recreation Director	Vicky Hilton	401-364-1222
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Town Solicitor	Peter D. Ruggiero	401-737-8700
Tax Collector	JoAnne Santos	401-364-1234
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Mayor and Nine-member Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 4th Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 80,387

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor	Allan W. Fung	
Director of Administration	Robert Coupe	401-780-3110
Chief of Staff	Carlos Lopez Estrada	401-780-3110
Police Chief	Col. Michael J. Winquist	401-942-2211
Fire Chief	William McKenna	401-780-4024
City Clerk	Maria M. Wall	401-780-3198
Public Works Director	Kenneth Mason	401-780-3175
City Engineer	Nicholas Capezza	401-780-6040
Purchasing Agent	Mark Marchesi	401-780-3149
Finance Director	Robert Strom	401-780-3119
Recreation Director	Anthony J. Liberatore	401-780-6170
School Superintendent	Jeannine Nota-Masse	401-270-8170
Housing Authority Executive Director	Z. Elaine Woloohojian	401-944-7210
City Solicitor	Christopher Rawson	401-780-3133
Library Director	Edward Garcia, MLIS, ILIC	401-943-9080 x100

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Form of Government: Mayor and Seven-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed. of month; 3rd Wed. of Jul. and Aug.

Census: 33,506

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor	William S. Murray	401-728-2400 x132
Chief of Staff	George W. Stansfield, III	401-728-2400 x134
Assistant to the Mayor	Heather L. Borges	401-728-2400 x132
Town Clerk	Sandra Giovanelli	401-728-2400 x138
Town Solicitor	Thomas Hefner	401-728-2400 x150
Assistant Town Solicitor	Christopher Alger, Esq.	401-728-2400 x162
Tax Assessor	Kenneth M. Mallette, Jr.	401-728-2400 x149
Planning & Community Development Director	Jonathan Stevens	401-728-2400 x142
Public Works Director	Robert Anderson, Jr., PE	401-728-2400 x143
Rescue Services Director	Sean Thompson	401-334-3090 x5
Police Chief/EMA Director	John Desmarais	401-333-2500
Parks and Recreation Director	Michael Crawley	401-334-9996
Library Director	Celeste M. Dyer	401-333-2552
Animal Control Officer	Paul Rose	401-333-2745
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mon. of month

Census: 13,146

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Thomas E. Coyle, III	401-886-8665
Public Works Director	Joseph C. Duarte	401-886-8615
Building Official/Zoning Officer	Wayne R. Pimental	401-886-8617
Recreation Director	Catherine E. Bradley	401-886-8626
Town Clerk	Leigh A. Carney, CMC	401-886-8604
School Superintendent	Victor D. Mercurio, EdD	401-398-1200
Senior and Human Services Director	Erin McAndrew	401-886-8669
Finance Director	Kristen Benoit, CPA	401-886-8609
Housing Authority Executive Director	Marcia Sullivan	401-885-2610
Librarian	Karen Taylor	401-884-9510
Town Planner	Lisa Bourbonnais	401-886-8644
Police Chief	Col. Stephen Brown	401-886-8627
Fire Chief	Russell McGillivray	401-886-8686
Tax Assessor	Janice J. Peixinho	401-886-8614
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Form of Government: City Council and City Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: November 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tue. of month at 7:30 p.m.

Census: 47,037

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

City Manager (Acting)	Timothy Chapman	401-435-7521
Mayor	James A. Briden	401-323-8641
Assessor	Steven Hazard	401-435-7574
Building Official/Minimum Housing	Albert Quattrucci	401-435-7721
Canvassing Authority Administrator	Leslie Shattuck-Moore	401-435-7505
City Clerk	Kim Casci-Palangio	401-435-7590
City Solicitor	Gregory Dias	401-435-7523
Finance Director	Malcolm Moore	401-435-7551
Parks and Recreation Director	Diane Sullivan	401-435-7531
Fire Chief	Oscar Elmasian	401-435-7600
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Municipal

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st Mon. of month

Census: 6,425

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Clerk	Lynn M. Hawkins	401-294-3891
Probate Judge	Joseph H. Scott, Esq.	401-782-1200
Tax Assessor	Kerri A. Petrarca	401-294-5734
Building Official/Minimum Housing	Ronald A. DeFrancesco	401-294-2177
Town Planner	Ashley Sweet	401-294-2915
Director of Social Services	Christine Heart-Skaggs	401-294-3176
Board of Canvassers, Chair	Mary B. Hall	401-294-2287
Zoning Board Chair	Richard Booth	401-294-2592
Planning Board Chair	Michael DeFrancesco	401-294-2592
Library Director	Amy E. Neilson	401-294-4109
Tax Collector	Kimberly A. Robitaille	401-294-4864
Director of Public Works	Stephen P. Mattscheck	401-295-1983
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Census Year: 2010

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Town Clerk	Susan M. Dillon	401-392-9201
Emergency Management and Civil Preparedness	Guenter Bay	401-626-1179
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Library Director	Katherine Chansky	401-397-4801
Planner	Juliana King	401-702-5012
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thurs. of month at 7:30 p.m.

Census: 9,746

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Planner	Karen Scott	401-568-6206 x2
Police Chief	Joseph DelPrete	401-568-2533
Public Works Director	Gary Trembl	401-568-5540
Building Inspector	Kenneth Johnson	401-568-6206 x1
Recreation Director	Anthony Parrillo	401-568-6206 x224
Town Clerk	Jean M. Fecteau, CMC	401-568-6206 x0
School Superintendent	Michael Barnes	401-710-7500
School Superintendent	Pat Dubois	401-568-6206 x237
Emergency Management Director	Jason Rhodes	401-568-2533
Town Solicitor	Timothy F. Kane, Esq.	
Town Solicitor	William Bernstein, Esq.	
Zoning Official	Kenneth Johnson	401-568-6206 x1
Finance Director	Diane Brennan	401-568-6206 x5
Tax Collector	Jane Steere	401-568-6206 x4

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Form of Government: Town Council and Town Administrator

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st Mon. at 7:00 p.m., 3rd Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

Census: 5,405

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Andrew E. Nota	401-423-9805
Finance Director	Christina D. Collins	401-423-9809
School Superintendent	Kenneth A. Duva	401-423-7020
Police Chief	Edward A. Mello	401-423-1714
Fire Chief	James Bryer	401-423-0062
Public Works Director/		
Town Engineer/Water Official	Michael C. Gray, PE	401-423-7225
Town Planner	Lisa W. Bryer, AICP	401-423-7209
Library Director	Donna Fogarty	401-423-7280
Town Clerk	Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC	401-423-9800
Building/Zoning/Minimum Housing Officer	Christopher Costa	401-423-9803
Tax Assessor	Kenneth C. Gray	401-423-9802
Parks and Recreation Director	Andrew J. Wade	401-423-7266
Canvassing Authority/Deputy Town Clerk	Karen K. Montoya	401-423-9804
Housing Authority Executive Director	Richard Leco	401-423-1561
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Mayor and Five-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 28,769

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor	Joseph M. Polisena	401-553-8801
Town Clerk	Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.	401-553-8830
Town Solicitor	William J. Conley, Jr., Esq.	401-553-8812
Police Chief	Richard S. Tamburini	401-231-4210
Finance Director	Joseph Chiodo	401-553-8807
Fire Chief	Timothy McLaughlin	401-351-1600
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Recreation Director	Daniel E. Mazzulla, Jr.	401-272-3460
Tax Collector	Bethany Alviano	401-553-6475
Housing Authority Executive Director	David M. aRusso	401-231-2007
Welfare Director	Lois M. Marandola	401-351-2750
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Elected Town Administrator and Five-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 3rd Tues. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 21,105

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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Town Clerk	Karen D. Allen	401-333-8451
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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council headed by Council President

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st Thurs. after 1st Mon. of month and Two Weeks Thereafter

Census: 3,492

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Thomas G. Dunn, III	401-635-8373
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Building Official/Minimum Housing	George Medeiros	401-635-8384
Treasurer/Tax Collector	Mary-Jane Harrington	401-635-4219
Town Clerk	Carol A. Wordell	401-635-4400
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Defense Civil Prep. Director	Robert L. Mushen	401-635-4529
Zoning Official	George Medeiros	401-635-8384
Fire Chief	Richard G. Petrin	401-635-2324
Public Works Director	William Moore	401-592-0076
Librarian	Beth Ryan	401-635-8562
Planning Board Chair	Michael Steers	401-635-2081
Police Chief	Antone Marion, III	401-635-2311
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Seven-member Town Council and Town Administrator

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 16,150

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Shawn Brown	401-849-2898
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Building Official/Minimum Housing	Jack Kane	401-847-5769
Town Clerk	Wendy J.W. Marshall	401-847-0009
Finance Director/Tax Collector/Purchasing Agent	Marc Tanguay	401-846-4478
Fire Chief	Ronald N. Dorie	401-846-7888
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Information Services	Matthew Wainwright	401-847-3830
Library Director	Theresa Coish	401-846-1573
Town Planner	Ronald Wolanski	401-849-4027
Police Chief	Anthony Pesare	401-846-1144
Public Works Director	Thomas O'Loughlin	401-846-2119
School Superintendent	Rosemarie K. Kraeger	401-849-2122
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Tribal Government

Fiscal Year Begins: January 1st

Council Meetings: Tues. and Thurs.

Census: 2,765

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Sachem	Matthew Thomas	401-364-1100 x214
Director of Administration	Dean Stanton	401-364-1100 x203
Finance Director	Speedi Burrell	401-364-1100 x238
Education Director	Jackie Stanton	401-364-1100 x200
Director of Vocational Training	Carla Monroe	401-364-1100 x204
Director of Natural Resources	Dinalyn Spears	401-364-1100 x210
Director of Real Estate/Rights Protection	Lorraine Keyes	401-213-4326
Chief of Police	Antone Monroe	401-364-1100 x236
Director of Housing	Holly Hazard	401-552-7776
Director of Human Resources (Acting)	Beth Thomas	401-364-1100 x206
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mon. of month at 7:30 p.m.

Census: 15,686

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	James M. Manni	401-782-0654
Town Solicitor	Dawson Hodgson	401-782-0680
Police Chief	Sean P. Corrigan	401-798-0697
Fire Chief	Scott M. Partington	401-789-1000
Town Clerk	Anne M. Irons, CMC	401-782-0603
Town Engineer	Jeffry Ceasrine	401-789-1044
Finance Director	Laura Kenyon	401-789-1044
Community Development Director	Michael DeLuca	401-782-0602
Parks and Recreation Director	Steven Wright	401-789-1044
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Form of Government: Seven-member City Council and City Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed. of month at 6:30 p.m.

Census: 24,672

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

City Manager	Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr.	401-845-5430
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Fay	401-845-5429
Deputy Tax Assessor	Jade Phillips	401-845-5363
Building Official	William A. Hanley, II	401-845-5463
Canvassing Authority Clerk	Tracy Nelson	401-845-5384
City Clerk	Laura C. Swistak	401-845-5351
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Finance Director	Laura Sitrin	401-845-5394
Housing Authority Executive Director	Rhonda Mitchell	401-847-0185
Human Resources Administrator	Michael J. Coury	401-845-5443
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Planner	Christine T. O'Grady	401-845-5472
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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mon. of month at 7:00 pm

Census: 26,486

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	A. Ralph Mollis	401-268-1501
Police Chief	Patrick Flanagan	401-294-3316 x8201
Building Official/Minimum Housing	Gary Tedeschi	401-294-3331 x300
Public Works Director	Phil Bergeron	401-268-1500 x600
Town Clerk	Jeannette Alyward	401-294-3331 x122
Purchasing Agent	Ted Przybyla	401-294-3331 x140
Recreation Director	Al Southwick	401-294-3331 x240
Town Engineer	Kim Wiegand	401-294-3331 x640
School Superintendent	Philip Auger	401-268-6400
Finance Director/Tax Collector	Ted Przybyla	401-294-3331 x140
Town Solicitor	Matthew Callaghan	401-294-4555
Fire Chief	Scott Kettelle	401-294-3346 x7200
Water Official	Susan Licardi	401-294-3331 x230
Library Director (No. Kingstown Free)	Cyndi Desrochers	401-294-3306 x112
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Form of Government: Mayor and Seven-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st Tues. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 32,078

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor	Charles Lombardi	401-232-0900 x226
Chief of Staff	G. Richard Fossa	401-232-0900 x226
Town Clerk	Mary Ann DeAngelus	401-232-0900 x207
Police Chief (Acting)	Christopher Pelagio	401-231-4533 x133
Fire Chief	Edward DiGiulio, Jr.	401-231-8500
Public Works Director	Bernard Salvatore	401-233-1440
Building Inspector	Michael Carnevale	401-233-1488 x403
Tax Assessor	Thomas Kane	401-232-0900 x208
Tax Collector	Claudette Mooney	401-232-0900 x204
Recreation Director	Lois Barbieri	401-233-1445
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Form of Government: Elected Town Administrator and Town Council
Election Date: November (even years)
Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st
Council Meetings: 1st Mon. at 7:00 p.m. and 3rd Mon. at 6:45 p.m.
Census: 11,967 **Census Year: 2010**

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Gary Ezovski	401-767-2200 x301
Building Official	Kerry Anderson	401-767-2200 x311
Fire Chief	Joel D. Jillson	401-762-1135
EMA Director	Peter E. Branconnier	401-767-2206
Police Chief	Steven E. Reynolds	401-762-1212 x200
Town Planner	Tom Kravitz	401-767-2200 x312
Zoning Official	Kerry Anderson	401-767-2200 x311
Librarian	Susan Dubois	401-767-2780
Town Clerk	Debra A. Todd	401-767-2200 x326
Recreation Director	Raymond J. Pendergast, Jr.	401-767-2200 x341
Water and Sewer Official	Russell Carpenter	401-767-2200 x320
Probate Judge	Robert V. Rossi	401-231-7700
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Form of Government: Mayor and Nine-member City Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed. after the 1st Sat. of the month

Census: 71,148

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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Administrative Director	Antonio J. Pires	401-728-0500 x281
Assessor	Robert Burns	401-728-0500 x218
City Clerk	Richard J. Goldstein	401-728-0500 x348
City Solicitor	Frank J. Milos, Jr.	401-728-0500 x308
Defense Civil Prep. Director	Normand Menard	401-729-5846
Finance Director	Joanna L'Heureux	401-728-0500 x244
Fire Chief	William Sisson	401-725-1412
Human Resources Director	Don Zimmerman	401-728-0500 x332
Library Director	Susan Reed	401-725-3714
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Director (Acting)	Susan Mara	401-728-0500 x440
Police Chief	Paul S. King	401-727-9100
Public Works Director	William Ankner	401-728-0500 x233
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Water Official	James DeCelles	401-729-5002

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Census Year: 2010

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Canvassing/Registrar of Voters	Jacqueline Schulz	401-683-3157
Finance Director	John Menke	401-683-9118
Fire Chief	Michael Cranson	401-683-1200
Highway/Director of Public Works	David Kehew	401-683-0362
Housing Authority Executive Director	James E. Dilley	401-683-3173
Town Planner	Gary Crosby	401-643-0332
Planning Board Executive Secretary	Leon Lesinski	401-683-3717
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Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thur. of month at 7 p.m., Dec. 1st Thur. of month, and no Aug. meeting

Census: 178,042

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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Housing Authority Executive Director	Paul Taveras	401-751-6400
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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Administrator
Election Date: November (even years)
Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st
Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tues. of month at 7:00 p.m.
Census: 7,708 **Census Year: 2010**

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator	Karen Pinch	401-539-9000 x1
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Public Works Director	Scott W. Barber	401-539-8474
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Tax Collector	Marcy Alves	401-539-9000 x4
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Town Solicitor	Karen R. Ellsworth	401-539-9000 x9
Town Solicitor	Michael L. Cozzolino, Esq.	401-539-9000 x9
Zoning Official	Russell Brown	401-539-9000 x3
Town Planner	Juliana Berry	401-539-9000 x6
Building Official/Minimum Housing	Joseph St. Lawrence	401-539-9000 x3
EMA Director	Joseph Arsenault	401-539-2163
School Superintendent	Barry J. Ricci	401-364-7575
Librarian	Lynn Thompson	401-364-6100

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Seven-member Town Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: April 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Thurs. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 10,329

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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Assessor	Karen S. Beattie	401-647-2919
Recreation Director	David Pannone	401-647-3366
Building Official/Town Engineer	Donald Joubert	401-647-5901
School Superintendent	Lawrence Filippelli	401-647-4100
Town Clerk	Margaret Long	401-647-2822
Town Solicitor		401-737-8700
Emergency Management Director	Gerry Mosca	401-647-3000
Treasurer	Theodore Przybyla	401-647-2547
Town Moderator	David D'Agostino	401-647-2822
Welfare Director	Joseph Steiner	401-647-2768
Zoning Official	Mark Horner	401-647-5901
Tax Collector	Patricia M. Russo	401-647-5526

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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tues. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 22,089

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Dennis G. Finlay	401-233-1010
Treasurer	Randy R. Rossi	401-233-1072
Town Clerk	Carol A. Aquilante, CMC	401-233-1000 x111
Assessor	Drew Manlove	401-233-1014
Planning Director	Michael A. Phillips	401-233-1017
Police Chief	Richard St. Sauveur	401-231-2500
Fire Chief	Robert W. Seltzer	401-949-1330
Town Solicitor	Edmund L. Alves, Jr., Esq.	401-831-8900
Building/Zoning Official	Peter Scorpio	401-233-1039
Public Works Director (Acting)	Col. Charles Walsh	401-233-1034
Town Engineer	Kevin Cleary, PE	401-233-1041
Parks and Recreation Director	Robert Caine	401-349-0612
Ice Rink Manager	Thomas J. Tullie	401-233-1051
Senior Center Director	Karen Armstrong	401-949-4590
School Superintendent	Robert O'Brien	401-231-6606

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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mon. of month

Census: 30,639

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Stephen A. Alfred	401-789-9331 x1201
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Administrative Services Director	Aimee Reiner	401-789-9331 x1202
Town Assessor	Jean Paul Bouchard	401-789-9331 x1220
Building Official/Minimum Housing/Zoning	Jeffrey T. O'Hara	401-789-9331 x1225
Town Clerk	Dale S. Holberton, CMC	401-789-9331 x1230
Defense Civil Prep. Director	Stephen A. Alfred	401-789-9331 x1201
Town Engineer	Joshua Rosen	401-789-9331 x2252
Finance Director	Patricia Sunderland	401-789-9331 x1209
Housing Authority Executive Director	Mary Asselin	401-783-0126
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Leisure Services Director	Theresa L. Murphy	401-789-9301
Library Director	Laurel Clark	401-789-1555
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Form of Government: Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Tues. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 10,611

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Jan Reitsma	401-245-7554
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Building Official/Minimum Housing	Tony Carvalho	401-245-7343
Town Clerk	Julie A. Coelho, CMC	401-245-7340
Defense Civil Prep. Director	Alexander R. Galinelli	401-245-7600
Finance Director/Tax Collector/Treasurer	Michael J. Abbruzzi	401-245-7341
Housing Authority Executive Director	Thomas Gordon	401-245-7019
Librarian	E. Patricia Redfearn	401-245-7686
Planner	Kate Michaud	401-245-2469
Police Chief	Peter T. Achilli	401-245-1311
Probate Judge	Steven Minicucci	401-245-7340
Public Works Director	Thomas Degnan	401-245-0200
Recreation Director	Tara Thibaudau	401-824-6189
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Form of Government: Mayor and Nine-member City Council

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 82,672

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor	Scott Avedisian	401-738-2004
Chief of Staff (Acting)	David Picozzi	401-738-2003
City Solicitor	Peter D. Ruggiero	401-737-8700
Assessor	Christopher Celeste	401-738-2005
City Clerk	Judy Wild	401-738-2006
Finance Director	Ernest Zmyslinski	401-738-2015
Building Official	Alfred T. DeCorte, Jr.	401-738-2007
Human Services and Family Support Director	Patricia G. St. Amant	401-468-4108
Personnel Director	Jean Bouchard	401-738-2011
Planning Director	William DePasquale	401-738-2009
Fire Chief/EMA Director	James G. McLaughlin	401-468-4040
Police Chief	Col. Stephen M. McCartney	401-468-4224
Public Works Director	David Picozzi	401-738-2003
School Superintendent	Philip D. Thornton, EdD	401-734-3101
Library Director	Chris LaRoux	401-739-5440

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Form of Government: Five-member Town Council headed by Council President and Appointed Town Administrator

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 2nd Wed. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 6,135

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Kevin A. Breene	
Tax Collections	Barbara Sweet	401-392-3800 x105
Town Clerk	Erin F. Liese	401-392-3800 x100
Treasurer	Danielle Andrews	401-392-3800 x107
Emergency Management Director	Brooke Lawrence	401-651-6972
Human Services Director	Margaret M. Gartelman	401-397-4234
Public Works Director	Claude Wright	401-397-6110
Zoning Official	David Tacey	401-392-3800 x114
Librarian	Annette Feldman	401-397-3434
Town Planner	David Provonsil	401-392-3800 x121
Police Chief	Richard Ramsay	401-397-7191
School Superintendent	James H. Erinakes, II	401-397-5125
Assessor/Tax Collector	Charlene G. Randall	401-392-3800 x104
Town Solicitor	Michael A. Ursillo, Esq.	401-331-2222
Building Official/Minimum Housing	David Tacey	401-392-3800 x114

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Form of Government: Town Council and Town Manager

Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st three Mon. of month at 6:00 p.m.

Census: 22,787

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager	Derrick M. Kennedy	401-348-2530
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Development Services	Lisa Pelligrini	
School Superintendent	Roy M. Seitsinger, PhD	401-315-1517
Director of Public Works	Paul Corina	401-348-6100
Town Engineer	Sheila McGauvran	401-348-2562
Town Clerk	Donna L. Giordano, MMC	401-348-2634
Town Assessor	David Thompson	401-348-2544
Recreation Director	Paul Duffy	401-348-2634
EMA Director	Amy Grzybowski	401-348-6100
Finance Director	Vacant	401-315-1534
Tax Collector	Catherine Burke	401-348-2522
Housing Authority Executive Director	William Valentine	401-596-2877
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Election Date: November (even years)

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1st

Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mon. of month at 7:00 p.m.

Census: 41,186

Census Year: 2010

ADMINISTRATION

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APPENDIX

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS' ROYAL CHARTER 1663

THE CHARTER, GRANTED BY KING CHARLES II.,
July 8, 1663, and in force until the adoption of the Constitution, May, 1843.

CHARLES THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. To All to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas, we have been informed, by the humble petition of our trusty and well-beloved subject, John Clarke, on the behalf of Benjamin Arnold, William Brenton, William Codrington, Nicholas Easton, William Boulston, John Porter, John Smith, Samuel Gorton, John Weekes, Roger Williams, Thomas Olney, Gregory Dexter, John Coggeshall, Joseph Clarke, Randall Holden, John Greene, John Roome, Samuel Wildbore, William Field, James Barker, Richard Tew, Thomas Harris, and William Dyre, and the rest of the purchasers and free inhabitants of our island, called Rhode Island, and the rest of the colony of Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, in New England, in America, that they, pursuing, with peaceable and loyal minds, their sober, serious, and religious intentions, of godly edifying themselves, and one another, in the holy Christian faith and worship, as they were persuaded; together with the gaining over and conversion of the poor ignorant Indian natives, in those parts of America, to the sincere profession and obedience of the same faith and worship, did, not only by the consent and good encouragement of our royal progenitors, transport themselves out of this kingdom of England into America, but also, since their arrival there, after their first settlement amongst other our subjects in those parts, for the avoiding of discord, and those many evils which were likely to ensue upon some of those our subjects not being able to bear, in these remote parts, their different apprehensions in religious concerns, and in pursuance of the aforesaid ends, did once again leave their desirable stations and habitations, and with excessive labor and travel, hazard and charge did transplant themselves into the midst of the Indian natives, who as we are informed, are the most potent princes and people of all that country where; by the good Providence of God, from whom the Plantations have taken their name, upon their labor and industry, they have not only been preserved to admiration, but have increased and prospered, and are seized and possessed, by purchase and consent of the said natives, to their full content, of such lands, islands, rivers, harbors and roads, as are very convenient, both for plantations, and also for building of ships, supply of pipe-staves, and other merchandize and which lies very commodious, in many respects,

for commerce, and to accommodate our southern plantations, and may much advance the trade of this our realm, and greatly enlarge the territories thereof they having by near neighborhood to and friendly society with the great body of the Narragansett Indians, given them encouragement of their own accord, to subject themselves, their people and lands, unto us whereby, as is hoped, there may, in time, by the blessing of God upon their endeavors be laid a sure foundation of happiness to all America.

And whereas, in their humble address, they have freely declared, that it is much on their hearts (if they may be permitted) to hold forth a lively experiment, that a most flourishing civil state may stand and best be maintained, and that among our English subjects, with a full liberty in religious concerns and that true piety rightly grounded upon gospel principles, will give the best and greatest security to sovereignty, and will lay in the hearts of men the strongest obligations to true loyalty. Now, know ye, that we, being willing to encourage the hopeful undertaking of our said loyal and loving subjects, and to secure them in the free exercise and enjoyment of all their civil and religious rights, appertaining to them, as our loving subjects and to preserve unto them that liberty, in the true Christian faith and worship of God, which they have sought with so much travail, and with peaceable minds, and loyal subjection to our royal progenitors and ourselves, to enjoy; and because some of the people and inhabitants of the same colony cannot, in their private opinions, conform to the public exercise of religion, according to the liturgy, forms and ceremonies of the Church of England, or take or subscribe the oaths and articles made and established in that behalf; and for that the same, by reason of the remote distances of those places, will (as we hope) be no breach of the unity and uniformity established in this nation: Have therefore thought fit, and do hereby publish, grant, ordain and declare, that our royal will and pleasure is, that no person within the said colony, at any time hereafter shall be any wise molested, punished, disquieted, or called in question, for any differences in opinion in matters of religion, and do not actually disturb the civil peace of our said colony; but that all and every person and persons may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, freely and fully have and enjoy his and their own judgments and consciences, in

matters of religious concernments, throughout the tract of land hereafter mentioned, they behaving themselves peaceably and quietly, and not using this liberty to licentiousness and profaneness, nor to the civil injury or outward disturbance of others, any law, statute, or clause therein contained, or to be contained, usage or custom of this realm, to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding. And that they may be in the better capacity to defend themselves, in their just rights and liberties, against all the enemies of the Christian faith, and others, in all respects, we have further thought fit, and at the humble petition of the persons aforesaid are graciously pleased to declare, That they shall have and enjoy the benefit of our late act of indemnity and free pardon, as the rest of our subjects in other our dominions and territories have; and to create and make them a body politic or corporate, with the powers and privileges hereinafter mentioned.

And accordingly our will and pleasure is, and of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, we have ordained, constituted and declared, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do ordain, constitute and declare: That they the said William Brenton, William Codrington, Nicholas Easton, Benedict Arnold, William Boulston, John Porter, Samuel Gorton, John Smith, John Weekes, Roger Williams, Thomas Olney, Gregory Dexter, John Coggeshall, Joseph Clarke, Randall Holden, John Greene, John Roome, William Dyre, Samuel Wildbore, Richard Tew, William Field, Thomas Harris, James Barker, (missing) Rainsborrow, (missing) Williams, and John Nickson, and all such others as now are, or hereafter shall be, admitted and made free of the company and society of our colony of Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, in New England, shall be, from time to time, and forever hereafter, a body corporate and politic, in fact and name, by the name of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England, in America; and that, by the same name, they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may be persons able and capable, in the law, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer, and be answered unto, to defend and to be defended, in all and singular suits, causes, quarrels, matters, actions and things, of what kind or nature so ever; and also to have, take, possess, acquire, and purchase lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any goods or chattels, and the same to lease, grant, demise, aliene, bargain, sell and dispose of, at their own will and pleasure, as other our liege people of this our realm of England, or any corporation or body politic, within the same, may lawfully do. And further, that they the said Governor and Company, and their successors, shall and may, forever hereafter have a common

seal, to serve and use for all matters, causes, things, and affairs, whatsoever, of them, and their successors; and the same seal to alter, change, break, and make new, from time to time, at their will and pleasure, as they shall think fit.

And further, we will and ordain, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do declare and appoint that, for the better ordering and managing of the affairs and business of the said Company, and their successors, there shall be one Governor, one Deputy-Governor and ten Assistants, to be from time to time, constituted, elected and chosen, out of the freemen of the said Company, for the time being, in such manner and form as is hereafter in these presents expressed, which said officers shall apply themselves to take care for the best disposing and ordering of the general business and affairs of and concerning the lands, and hereditaments hereinafter mentioned to be granted, and the plantation thereof, and the government of the people there. And, for the better execution of our royal pleasure herein, We do, for us, our heirs and successors, assign, name, constitute, and appoint the aforesaid Benedict Arnold to be the first and present Governor of the said Company and the said William Brenton to be the Deputy-Governor, and the said William Boulston, John Porter, Roger Williams, Thomas Olney, John Smith, John Greene, John Coggeshall, James Barker, William Field and Joseph Clarke, to be the ten present Assistants of the said Company, to continue in the said several offices, respectively, until the first Wednesday which shall be in the month of May now next coming. And further, we will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do ordain and grant that the Governor of the said Company, for the time being, or, in his absence, by occasion of sickness or otherwise, by his leave and permission, the Deputy-Governor, for the time being, shall and may, from time to time, upon all occasions, give order for the assembling of the said Company, and calling them together, to consult and advise of the business and affairs of the said Company.

And that forever hereafter, twice in every year, that is to say, on every first Wednesday in the month of May, and on every last Wednesday in October, or oftener, in case it shall be requisite, the Assistants and such of the freemen of the said Company, not exceeding six persons for Newport, four persons for each of the respective towns of Providence, Portsmouth and Warwick, and two persons for each other place, town or city, who shall be from time to time, thereunto elected or deputed by the major part of the freemen of the respective towns or places for which they shall be so elected or deputed, shall have a general meeting or assembly, then and there to consult, advise and determine in and about the affairs and business of the said Company and Plantations. And, further,

we do, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, give and grant unto the said Governor and Company of the English colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England, in America, and their successors that the Governor, or, in his absence, or, by his permission the Deputy-Governor of the said Company, for the time being the Assistants, and such of the freemen of the said Company as shall be so as aforesaid elected or deputed, or so many of them as shall be present at such meeting or assembly, as aforesaid, shall be called the General Assembly and that they, or the greatest part of them present, whereof the Governor or Deputy-Governor, and six of the Assistants, at least to be seven shall have, and have hereby given and granted unto them, full power and authority, from time to time, and at all times here-after, to appoint, alter and change such days, times and places of meeting and General Assembly, as they shall think fit; and to choose, nominate and appoint, such and so many other persons as they shall think fit, and shall be willing to accept the same, to be free of the said Company and body politic, and them into the same to admit; and to elect and constitute such offices and officers, and to grant such needful commissions, as they shall think fit and requisite, for the ordering, managing, and dispatching of the affairs of the said Governor and Company, and their successors; and from time to time, to make, ordain, constitute or repeal, such laws, statutes, orders and ordinances, forms and ceremonies of government and magistracy, as to them shall seem meet, for the good and welfare of the said Company, and for the government and ordering of the lands and hereditaments, hereinafter mentioned to be granted, and of the people that do, or at any time hereafter shall, inhabit or be within the same; so as such laws, ordinances and constitutions, so made, be not contrary and repugnant unto, but as near as may be, agreeable to the laws of this our realm of England, considering the nature and constitution of the place and people there; and also to appoint, order and direct, erect and settle, such places and courts of jurisdiction, for the hearing and determining of all actions, cases, matters and things, happening within the said colony and plantation, and which shall be in dispute, and depending there, as they shall think fit; and also to distinguish and set forth the several names and titles, duties, powers and limits, of each court, office and officer, superior and inferior; and also to contrive and appoint such forms of oaths and attestations, not repugnant, but as near as may be agreeable, as aforesaid, to the laws and statutes of this our realm, as are convenient and requisite with respect to the due administration of justice, and due execution and discharge of all offices and places of trust by the persons that shall be therein concerned, and also to regulate and order the way

and manner of all elections to offices and places of trust, and to prescribe, limit and distinguish the numbers and bounds of all places, towns or cities, within the limits and bounds hereinafter mentioned, and not herein particularly named, who have, or shall have, the power of electing and sending of freemen to the said General Assembly; and also to order, direct and authorize the imposing of lawful and reasonable fines, mulcts, imprisonments, and executing other punishments, pecuniary and corporal, upon offenders and delinquents, according to the course of other corporations within this our kingdom of England; and again to alter, revoke, annul or pardon, under their common seal, or otherwise, such fines, mulcts, imprisonments, sentences, judgments and condemnations, as shall be thought fit; and to direct, rule, order and dispose of, all other matters and things, and particularly that which relates to the making of purchases of the native Indians, as to them shall seem meet; whereby our said people and inhabitants in the said Plantations, may be so religiously, peaceably and civilly governed, as that by their good life and orderly conversation, they may win and invite the native Indians of the country to the knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Saviour of mankind; willing, commanding and requiring and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordaining and appointing, that all such laws, statutes, orders and ordinances, instructions, impositions and directions, as shall be so made by the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistants and freemen, or such number of them as aforesaid, and published in writing, under their common seal, shall be carefully and duly observed, kept, performed and put in execution, according to the true intent and meaning of the same.

And these our letters patent, or the duplicate or exemplification thereof, shall be to all and every such officer, superior or inferior, from time to time, for the putting of the same orders, laws, statutes, ordinances, instructions and directions in due execution, against us, our heirs and successors, a sufficient warrant and discharge. And further, our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby, for us, our heirs and successors, establish and ordain, that yearly, once in the year, forever hereafter, namely, the aforesaid Wednesday in May, and at the town of Newport, or elsewhere, if urgent occasion do require, the Governor, Deputy-Governor and Assistants of the said Company, and other officers of the said Company, or such of them as the General Assembly shall think fit, shall be, in the said General Court or Assembly to be held from that day or time, newly chosen for the year ensuing, by such greater part of the said Company, for the time being, as shall be then and there present; and if it shall happen that the present Governor, Deputy-Governor and

Assistants, by these presents appointed, or any such as shall hereafter be newly chosen into their rooms, or any of them, or any other the officers of the said Company, shall die or be removed from his or their several offices or places before the said general day of election, whom we do hereby declare, for any misdemeanor or default, to be removable by the Governor, Assistants and Company, or such greater part of them, in any of the said public courts, to be assembled as aforesaid, that then, and in every such case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistants and Company aforesaid, or such greater part of them, so to be assembled as is aforesaid, in any their assemblies, to proceed to a new election of one or more of their Company, in the room or place, rooms or places, of such officer or officers, so dying or removed, according to their discretions; and immediately upon and after such election or elections made of such Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistant or Assistants, or any other officer of the said Company, in manner and form aforesaid, the authority, office and power, before given to the former Governor, Deputy-Governor, and other officer and officers so removed, in whose stead and place new shall be chosen, shall, as to him and them, and every of them, respectively, cease and determine.

Provided always, and our will and pleasure is, that as well such as are by these presents appointed to be the present Governor, Deputy-Governor and Assistants of the said Company, as those that shall succeed them, and all other officers to be appointed and chosen as aforesaid, shall, before the undertaking the execution of the said offices and places respectively, give their solemn engagement, by oath or otherwise, for the due and faithful performance of their duties in their several offices and places, before such person or persons as are by these presents hereafter appointed to take and receive the same, that is to say: the said Benedict Arnold, who is herein before nominated and appointed the present Governor of the said Company, shall give the aforesaid engagement before William Brenton, or any two of the said Assistants of the said Company; unto whom we do by these presents give full power and authority to require and receive the same; and the said William Brenton, who is hereby before nominated and appointed the present Deputy-Governor of the said Company, shall give the aforesaid engagement before the said Benedict Arnold, or any two of the Assistants of the said Company; unto whom we do by these presents give full power and authority to require and receive the same; and the said William Boulston, John Porter, Roger Williams, Thomas Olney, John Smith, John Greene, John Coggeshall, James Barker, William Field, and Joseph Clarke, who are hereinbefore

nominated and appointed the present Assistants of the said Company, shall give the said engagement to their offices and places respectively belonging before the said Benedict Arnold and William Brenton, or one of them; to whom respectively we do hereby give full power and authority to require, administer, or receive the same; and further, our will and pleasure is, that all and every other future Governor or Deputy-Governor, to be elected and chosen by virtue of these presents, shall give the said engagement before two or more of the said Assistants of the said Company for the time being; unto whom we do by these presents give full power and authority to require, administer or receive the same; and the said Assistants, and every of them, and all and every other officer or officers to be hereafter elected and chosen by virtue of these presents from time to time, shall give the like engagements, to their offices and places respectively belonging, before the Governor or Deputy-Governor, for the time being; unto which said Governor, or Deputy-Governor, we do by these presents give full power and authority to require, administer or receive the same accordingly.

And we do likewise, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, by these presents, that for the more peaceable and orderly government of the said Plantations, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistants and all other officers and ministers of the said Company, in the administration of justice, and exercise of government, in the said Plantations, to use, exercise, and put in execution, such methods, rules, orders and directions, not being contrary or repugnant to the laws and statutes of this our realm, as have been heretofore given, used and accustomed, in such cases respectively, to be put in practice, until at the next or some other General Assembly, special provision shall be made and ordained in the cases aforesaid. And we do further, for us, our heirs, and successors, give and grant unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, by these presents; that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor, or, in his absence, the Deputy-Governor, and major part of the said Assistants, for the time being, at any time when the said General Assembly is not sitting, to nominate, appoint and constitute, such and so many commanders, governors, and military officers, as to them shall seem requisite, for the leading, conducting and training up the inhabitants of the said Plantations in martial affairs, and for the defense and safeguard of the said Plantations; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every such commander, governor, and military officer, that shall be so as aforesaid, or by the Governor, or in his absence, the Deputy-

Governor, and six of the said Assistants, and major part of the freemen of the said Company present at any General Assemblies, nominated, appointed and constituted, according to the tenor of his and their respective commissions and directions to assemble, exercise in arms, martial array, and put in warlike posture, the inhabitants of the said colony, for their special defense and safety; and to lead and conduct the said inhabitants, and to encounter, expulse, expel and resist, by force of arms, as well by sea as by land, and also to kill, slay and destroy, by all fitting ways, enterprise and means, whatsoever, all and every such person or persons as shall, at any time hereafter, attempt or enterprise the destruction, invasion, detriment or annoyance of the said inhabitants or Plantations; and to use and exercise the law martial in such cases only as occasion shall necessarily require; and to take or surprise, by all ways and means whatsoever, all and every such person and persons, with their ship or ships, armor, ammunition or other goods of such persons, as shall, in hostile manner, invade or attempt the defeating of the said Plantations, or the hurt of the said Company and inhabitants; and upon just causes, to invade and destroy the native Indians, or other enemies of the said Colony. Nevertheless, our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby declare to the rest of our Colonies in New England, that it shall not be lawful for this our said Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in America, in New England, to invade the natives inhabiting within the bounds and limits of their said Colonies, without the knowledge and consent of the said other Colonies. And it is hereby declared, that it shall not be lawful to or for the rest of the Colonies to invade or molest the native Indians or any other inhabitants inhabiting within the bounds and limits hereafter mentioned, they having subjected themselves unto us, and being by us taken into our special protection, without the knowledge and consent of the Governor and Company of our Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Also our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby declare unto all Christian Kings, Princes and States, that if any person, which shall hereafter be of the said Company or Plantations, or any other, by appointment of the said Governor and Company for the time being, shall at any time or times hereafter, rob or spoil, by sea or land, or do any hurt, or unlawful hostility to any of the subjects of us, our heirs or successors, or any of the subjects of any Prince or State, being then in league with us, our heirs or successors, upon complaint of such injury done to any such Prince or State, or their subjects, we, our heirs and successors, will make open proclamation within any parts of our realm of England, fit for that purpose, that the person or persons

committing any such robbery or spoil shall, within the time limited by such proclamation, make full restitution, or satisfaction of all such injuries, done or committed, so as the said Prince, or others so complaining, may be fully satisfied, and contented; and if the said person or persons who shall commit any such robbery or spoil shall not make satisfaction, accordingly, within such time, so to be limited, that then we, our heirs and successors, will put such person or persons, out of our allegiance and protection; and that then it shall and may be lawful and free for all Princes or others to prosecute with hostility, such offenders, and every of them, their and every of their procurers, aiders, abettors, and counsellors, in that behalf: Provided also, and our express will and pleasure is, and we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and appoint that these presents, shall not, in any manner, hinder any of our loving subjects, whatsoever, from using and exercising the trade of fishing upon the coast of New England, in America; but that they, and every or any of them, shall have full and free power and liberty to continue and use the trade of fishing upon the said coast, in any of the seas thereunto adjoining, or any arms of the seas, or salt water, rivers and creeks, where they have been accustomed to fish; and to build and set upon the waste land belonging to the said Colony and Plantations, such wharves, stages and workhouses as shall be necessary for the salting, drying and keeping of their fish, to be taken or gotten upon that coast. And further, for the encouragement of the inhabitants of our said Colony of Providence Plantations to set upon the business of taking whales, it shall be lawful for them, or any of them, having struck whale, dubertus, or other great fish, it or them to pursue unto any part of that coast, and into any bay, river, cove, creek, or shore, belonging thereto, and it or them, upon the said coast, or in the said bay, river, cove, creek, or shore, belonging thereto, to kill and order for the best advantage, without molestation, they making no willful waste or spoil anything in these presents contained, or any other matter or thing, to the contrary, notwithstanding. And further also, we are graciously pleased, and do hereby declare, that if any of the inhabitants of our said Colony do set upon the planting of vineyards, the soil and climate both seeming naturally to concur to the production of wines, or be industrious in the discovery of fishing banks, in or about the said Colony, we will, from time to time, give and allow all due and fitting encouragement therein, as to others, in cases of like nature. And further, of our more ample grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant unto the said Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, in New England, in America, and to every inhabitant

there; and to every person and persons, trading thither, and to every such person or persons as are or shall be free of the said Colony, full power and authority, from time to time, and at all times hereafter to take, ship, transport and carry away, out of any of our realms and dominions, for and towards the plantation and defense of the said Colony, such and so many of our loving subjects and strangers as shall or will willingly accompany them in and to their said Colony and Plantation; except such person or persons as are or shall be therein restrained by us, our heirs and successors or any law or statute of this realm: and also to ship and transport all and all manner of goods, chattels, merchandizes and other things whatsoever, that are or shall be useful or necessary for the said Plantations, and defense thereof, and usually transported, and not prohibited by any law or statute of this our realm; yielding and paying unto us, our heirs and successors, such the duties, customs and subsidies, as are or ought to be paid or payable for the same.

And further, our will and pleasure is, and we do, for us, our heirs and successors, ordain, declare, and grant unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, that all and every the subjects of us, our heirs and successors, which are already planted and settled within our said Colony of Providence Plantations, or which shall hereafter go to inhabit within the said Colony, and all and every of their children, which have been born there, or which shall happen hereafter to be born there, or on the sea, going thither, or returning from thence, shall have and enjoy all liberties and immunities of free and natural subjects within any of the dominions of us, our heirs and successors, to all intents, constructions and purposes, whatsoever, as if they, and every of them, were born within the realm of England. And further, know ye, that we, of our more abundant grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have given, granted and confirmed, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give, grant and confirm, unto the said Governor and Company and their successors, all that part of our dominions in New England, in America, containing the Nahantick and Nanhygansett, alias Narragansett Bay, and countries and parts adjacent, bounded on the west or westerly, to the middle or channel of a river there, commonly called and known by the name of Pawcatuck, alias Pawcatuck river; and so along the said river, as the greater or middle stream thereof reacheth or lies up into the north country, northward, unto the head thereof, and from thence, by a straight line drawn due north, until it meets with the south line of the Massachusetts Colony: and on the north, or northerly, by the aforesaid south or southerly line of the Massachusetts Colony or Plantation, and extending towards the east, or eastwardly, three English miles, to the east and northeast of

the most eastern and northeastern parts of the aforesaid Narragansett Bay, as the said Bay lyeth or extendeth itself from the ocean on the south, or southwardly unto the mouth of the river which runneth towards the town of Providence, and from thence along the easterly side or bank of the said river higher called by the name of Seacunk river, up to the falls called Patuckett falls, being the most westwardly line of Plymouth Colony, and so from the said falls, in a straight line, due north until it meet with the aforesaid line of the Massachusetts Colony; and bounded on the south by the ocean; and, in particular, the lands belonging to the towns of Providence, Pawtuxet, Warwick, Misquammacok, alias Pawcatuck, and the rest upon the main land in the tract aforesaid, together with Rhode Island, Block Island, and all the rest of the islands and banks in the Narragansett Bay, and bordering upon the coast of the tract aforesaid, Fisher's Island only excepted, together with all firm lands, soils, grounds, havens, ports, rivers, waters, fishings, mines royal, and all other mines, minerals, precious stones, quarries, woods, wood grounds, rocks, slates, and all and singular other commodities, jurisdictions, royalties, privileges, franchises, preeminances, and hereditaments, whatsoever, within the said tract, bounds, lands and islands aforesaid, or to them or any of them belonging, or in any wise appertaining; To have and to hold the same, unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, forever, upon trust, for the use and benefit of themselves and their associates, freemen of the said Colony, their heirs and assigns, to be holden of us, our heirs and successors, as of the Manor of East Greenwich, in our county of Kent, in free and common soccage, and not in capite, nor by knight service; yielding and paying therefor, to us, our heirs and successors, only the fifth part of all the ore of gold and silver which, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be there gotten, had or obtained, in lieu and satisfaction of all services, duties, fines, forfeitures, made or to be made, claims and demands whatsoever, to be to us, our heirs or successors, therefor or thereout rendered, made or paid; any grant, or clause, in a late grant, to the Governor and Company of Connecticut Colony, in America, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; the aforesaid Pawcatuck river having been yielded, after much debate, for the fixed and certain bounds between these our said Colonies, by the Agents thereof; who have also agreed, that the said Pawcatuck river shall be also called alias Norrogansett or Narrogansett river; and, to prevent future disputes, that otherwise might arise thereby, forever hereafter shall be construed, deemed and taken to be the Narragansett river in our late grant to Connecticut Colony mentioned as the easterly bounds of that Colony. And further, our will and pleasure is, that in all matters of public controversy which may fall out between our

Colony of Providence Plantations, and the rest of our Colonies in New England, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor and Company of the said Colony of Providence Plantations to make their appeals therein to us, our heirs and successors, for redress in such cases, within this our realm of England: and that it shall be lawful to and for the inhabitants of the said Colony of Providence Plantations, without let or molestation, to pass and repass, with freedom, into and through the rest of the English Colonies, upon their lawful and civil occasions, and to converse, and hold commerce and trade, with such of the inhabitants of our other English Colonies as shall be willing to admit them thereunto, they behaving themselves peaceably among them; any act, clause or sentence, in any of the said Colonies provided, or that shall be provided, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And lastly, we do, for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and grant unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, by these presents, that these our letters patent shall be firm, good, effectual and available in all things in the law, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, according to our true intent and meaning hereinbefore declared; and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged in all cases most favorably on the behalf, and for the best benefit and behoof, of the said Governor and Company, and their successors; although express mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants, by us, or by any of our progenitors or predecessors, heretofore made to the said Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in the Narragansett Bay, New England, in America, in these presents is not made or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamation or restriction, heretofore had, made, enacted, ordained or provided, or any other matter, cause or thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourself at Westminster, the eighth day of July, in the fifteenth year of our reign.

By the King
Howard

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS (ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1986)

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution of government.

ARTICLE I

Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles.

In order effectually to secure the religious and political freedom established by our venerated ancestors, and to preserve the same for our posterity, we do declare that the essential and unquestionable rights and principles hereinafter mentioned shall be established, maintained, and preserved, and shall be of paramount obligation in all legislative, judicial and executive proceedings.

Section 1. Right to make and alter Constitution — Constitution obligatory upon all.

In the words of the Father of his Country, we declare that “the basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and alter their constitutions of government; but that the constitution which at any time exists, till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all.”

Section 2. Laws for good of whole — Burdens to be equally distributed — Due process — Equal protection — Discrimination — No right to abortion granted.

All free governments are instituted for the protection, safety, and happiness of the people. All laws, therefore, should be made for the good of the whole; and the burdens of the state ought to be fairly distributed among its citizens. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied equal protection of the laws. No otherwise qualified person shall, solely by reason of race, gender or handicap be subject to discrimination by the state, its agents or any person or entity doing business with the state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant or secure any right relating to abortion or the funding thereof.

Section 3. Freedom of religion.

Whereas Almighty God hath created the mind free; and all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness; and whereas a principal object of our venerable ancestors, in their migration to this country and their settlement of this state, was, as they expressed it, to hold forth a lively experiment that a flourishing civil state may stand and be best maintained with full liberty in religious concerns; we, therefore, declare that no person shall be compelled to frequent or to support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatever, except in fulfillment of such person’s voluntary contract; nor enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in body or goods; nor disqualified from holding any office; nor otherwise suffer on account of such person’s religious belief; and that every person shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of such person’s conscience, and to profess and by argument to maintain such person’s opinion in matters of religion; and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect the civil capacity of any person.

Section 4. Slavery prohibited.

Slavery shall not be permitted in this state.

Section 5. Entitlement to remedies for injuries and wrongs — Right to justice.

Every person within this state ought to find a certain remedy, by having recourse to the laws, for all injuries or wrongs which may be received in one’s person, property, or character. Every person ought to obtain right and justice freely, and without purchase, completely and without denial; promptly and without delay; conformably to the laws.

Section 6. Search and seizure.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on complaint in writing, upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and describing as nearly as may be, the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

Section 7. Requirement of presentment or indictment — Information by attorney-general — Grand juries — Double jeopardy.

Except in cases of impeachment, or in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger, no person shall be held to answer for any offense which is punishable by death or by imprisonment for life unless on presentment or indictment by a grand jury, and no person shall be held to answer for any other felony unless on presentment or indictment by a grand jury or on information in writing signed by the attorney-general or one of the attorney-general's designated assistants, as the general assembly may provide and in accordance with procedures enacted by the general assembly. The general assembly may authorize the impaneling of grand juries with authority to indict for offenses committed any place within the state and it may provide that more than one grand jury may sit simultaneously within a county. No person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as in any wise impairing the inherent common law powers of the grand jury.

Section 8. Bail, fines and punishments.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted; and all punishments ought to be proportioned to the offense.

Section 9. Right to bail — Habeas corpus.

All persons imprisoned ought to be bailed by sufficient surety, unless for offenses punishable by imprisonment for life, or for offenses involving the use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon by one already convicted of such offense or already convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment for life, or for offenses involving the unlawful sale, distribution, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture, sell, distribute or deliver any controlled substance or by possession of a controlled substance punishable by imprisonment for ten (10) years or more, when the proof of guilt is evident or the presumption great. Nothing in this section shall be construed to confer a right to bail, pending appeal of a conviction. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety shall require it; nor ever without the authority of the general assembly.

Section 10. Rights of accused persons in criminal proceedings.

In all criminal prosecutions, accused persons shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury; to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against them, to have compulsory process for obtaining them in their favor, to have the assistance of counsel in their defense, and shall be at liberty to speak for themselves; nor shall they be deprived of life, liberty, or property, unless by the judgment of their peers, or the law of the land.

Section 11. Relief of debtors from prison.

The person of a debtor, when there is not strong presumption of fraud, ought not to be continued in prison, after such person shall have delivered up property for the benefit of said person's creditors, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.

Section 12. Ex post facto laws — Laws impairing obligation of contract.

No ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, shall be passed.

Section 13. Self-crimination.

No person in a court of common law shall be compelled to give self-criminating evidence.

Section 14. Presumption of innocence — Securing accused persons.

Every person being presumed innocent, until pronounced guilty by the law, no act of severity which is not necessary to secure an accused person shall be permitted.

Section 15. Trial by jury.

The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate. In civil cases the general assembly may fix the size of the petit jury at less than twelve but not less than six.

Section 16. Compensation for taking of private property for public use — Regulation of fishery rights and shore privileges not public taking.

Private property shall not be taken for public uses, without just compensation. The powers of the state and of its municipalities to regulate and control the use of land and waters in the furtherance of the preservation, regeneration, and restoration of the natural environment, and in furtherance of the protection of the rights of the people to enjoy and freely exercise the rights of fishery and the privileges of the shore, as those rights and duties are set forth in Section 17, shall be an exercise of the police powers of the state, shall be liberally construed, and shall not be deemed to be a public use of private property.

Section 17. Fishery rights — Shore privileges — Preservation of natural resources.

The people shall continue to enjoy and freely exercise all the rights of fishery, and the privileges of the shore, to which they have been heretofore entitled under the charter and usages of this state, including but not limited to fishing from the shore, the gathering of seaweed, leaving the shore to swim in the sea and passage along the shore; and they shall be secure in their rights to the use and enjoyment of the natural resources of the state with due regard for the preservation of their values; and it shall be the duty of the general assembly to provide for the conservation of the air, land, water, plant, animal, mineral and other natural resources of the state, and to adopt all means necessary and proper by law to protect the natural environment of the people of the state by providing adequate resource planning for the control and regulation of the use of the natural resources of the state and for the preservation, regeneration and restoration of the natural environment of the state.

Section 18. Subordination of military to civil authority — Martial law.

The military shall be held in strict subordination to the civil authority. And the law martial shall be used and exercised in such cases only as occasion shall necessarily require.

Section 19. Quartering of soldiers.

No soldier shall be quartered in any house in time of peace, without the consent of the owner; nor, in time of war, but in manner to be prescribed by law.

Section 20. Freedom of press.

The liberty of the press being essential to the security of freedom in a state, any person may publish sentiments on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty; and in all trials for libel, both civil and criminal, the truth, unless published from malicious motives, shall be sufficient defense to the person charged.

Section 21. Right to assemble — Redress of grievances — Freedom of speech.

The citizens have a right in a peaceable manner to assemble for their common good, and to apply to those invested with the powers of government, for redress of grievances, or for other purposes, by petition, address, or remonstrance. No law abridging the freedom of speech shall be enacted.

Section 22. Right to bear arms.

The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Section 23. Rights of victims of crime.

A victim of crime shall, as a matter of right, be treated by agents of the state with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process. Such person shall be entitled to receive, from the perpetrator of the crime, financial compensation for any injury or loss caused by the perpetrator of the crime, and shall receive such other compensation as the state may provide. Before sentencing, a victim shall have the right to address the court regarding the impact which the perpetrator's conduct has had upon the victim.

Section 24. Rights not enumerated — State rights not dependent on federal rights.

The enumeration of the foregoing rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people. The rights guaranteed by this Constitution are not dependent on those guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE II

OF SUFFRAGE

Section 1. Persons entitled to vote.

Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or over who has had residence and home in this state for thirty days next preceding the time of voting, who has resided thirty days in the town or city from which such citizen desires to vote, and whose name shall be registered at least thirty days next preceding the time of voting as provided by law, shall have the right to vote for all offices to be elected and on all questions submitted to the electors, except that no person who has been lawfully adjudicated to be non compos mentis shall be permitted to vote. No person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction shall be permitted to vote until such person is discharged from the facility. Upon discharge, such person's right to vote shall be restored. The general assembly may provide by law for shorter state and local residence requirements to vote for electors for president and vice president of the United States.

Section 2. Nomination of candidates — Voter registration — Absentee voting — Conduct of elections — Residency.

The general assembly shall provide by law for the nomination of candidates; for a uniform system of permanent registration of voters; for the exemption from such registration of persons in the active service of the nation and their families absent from the state because of such service, and, in time of war, members of the Merchant Marine; for absentee and shut in voting; for the time, manner and place of conducting elections; for the prevention of abuse, corruption and fraud in voting; and may define by law residence for voting purposes, but no person shall acquire such residence merely by being stationed or assigned in this state in the active service of the United States.

ARTICLE III

OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE

Section 1. Qualified electors.

No person shall hold any civil office unless that person be a qualified elector for such office.

Section 2. Disqualification upon conviction or plea of nolo contendere — Requalification following sentence, probation or parole.

An elector shall be disqualified as a candidate for elective or appointive state or local office or from holding such office if such elector has been convicted of or plead nolo contendere to a felony or if such elector has been convicted or plead nolo contendere to a misdemeanor resulting in a jail sentence of six months or more, either suspended or to be served. Such elector shall not, once so convicted, attain or return to any office until three years after the date of completion of such sentence and of probation or parole.

Section 3. Oath of general officers.

All general officers shall take the following engagement before they act in their respective offices, to wit: You being by the free vote of the electors of this state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, elected unto the place of do solemnly swear (or, affirm) to be true and faithful unto this state, and to support the Constitution of this state and of the United States; that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of your aforesaid office to the best of your abilities, according to law: So help you God. [Or: This affirmation you make and give upon the peril of the penalty of perjury.]

Section 4. Oath of general assembly members, judges, and other officers.

The members of the general assembly, the judges of all the courts, and all other officers, both civil and military, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 5. Administration of oaths.

The oath or affirmation shall be administered to the governor, lieutenant governor, senators, and representatives by the secretary of state, or, in the absence of the secretary of state by the attorney-general. The secretary of state, attorney-general, and general treasurer shall be engaged by the governor, or by a justice of the supreme court.

Section 6. Holding of offices under other governments — Senators and representatives not to hold other appointed offices under state government.

No person holding any office under the government of the United States, or of any other state or country, shall act as a general officer or as a member of the general assembly, unless at the time of taking such engagement that person shall have resigned the office under such government; and if any general officer, senator, representative, or judge shall, after election and engagement, accept any appointment under any other government, the office under this shall be immediately vacated; but this restriction shall not apply to any person appointed to take deposition or acknowledgment of deeds, or other legal instruments, by the authority of any other state or country.

No senator or representative shall, during the time for which he or she was elected, be appointed to any state office, board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity exercising executive power under the laws of this state, and no person holding any executive office or serving as a member of any board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity exercising executive power under the laws of this state shall be a member of the senate or the house of representatives during his or her continuance in such office.

Section 7. Ethical conduct.

The people of the State of Rhode Island believe that public officials and employees must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct, respect the public trust and the rights of all persons, be open, accountable and responsive, avoid the appearance of impropriety and not use their position for private gain or advantage. Such persons shall hold their positions during good behavior.

Section 8. Ethics commission — Code of ethics.

The general assembly shall establish an independent non-partisan ethics commission which shall adopt a code of ethics including, but not limited to, provisions on conflicts of interest, confidential information, use of position, contracts with government agencies and financial disclosure. The assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members appointed shall be required for the adoption for every rule or regulation. All elected and appointed officials and employees of state and local government, of boards, commissions and agencies shall be subject to the code of ethics. The ethics commission shall have the authority to investigate alleged violations of the code of ethics, including acts otherwise protected by Article VI, Section 5, and to impose penalties, as provided by law. Any sanction issued against any party by the ethics commission shall be appealable to the judicial branch as provided by law. The commission shall have the power to remove from office officials who are not otherwise subject to impeachment, or expulsion as provided by Article VI, Section 7.

ARTICLE IV

OF ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Section 1. Election and terms of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney-general, general treasurer, and general assembly members.

The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general and general treasurer shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, quadrennially commencing A.D. 1994, and every four (4) years thereafter, and shall severally hold their offices, subject to recall as provided for herein, for four (4) years from the first Tuesday of January next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. No person shall serve consecutively in the same general office for more than two (2) full terms, excluding any partial term of less than two (2) years previously served.

The senators and representatives in the general assembly shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, biennially in even numbered years, and shall severally hold their offices for two (2) years from the first Tuesday of January next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Recall is authorized in the case of a general officer who has been indicted or informed against for a

felony, convicted of a misdemeanor, or against whom a finding of probable cause of violation of the code of ethics has been made by the ethics commission. Recall shall not, however be instituted at any time during the first six (6) months or the last year of an individual's term of office.

Such a recall may be instituted by filing with the state board of elections an application for issuance of a recall petition against said general officer which is signed by duly qualified electors equal to three percent (3%) of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for that office. If, upon verification, the application is determined to contain signatures of the required number of electors, the state board of elections shall issue a recall petition for circulation amongst the electors of the state. Within ninety (90) days of issuance, recall petitions containing the signatures of duly qualified electors constituting fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of votes cast in the last preceding general election for said office must be filed with the state board of elections.

The signatures to the application and to the recall petition need not all be on one (1) sheet of paper, but each such application and petition must contain an identical statement naming the person to be recalled, the general office held by said person, and the grounds for such recall set forth in a statement of one hundred (100) words or less approved by the board of elections. Each signatory must set forth his or her signature as it appears on the voting list, the date of signing, and his or her place of residence. The person witnessing the signatures of each elector on said petition must sign a statement under oath on said sheet attesting that the signatures thereon are genuine and were signed in his or her presence.

If the requisite number of signatures are not obtained within said ninety (90) days period, the recall effort shall terminate. Upon verification of the requisite number of signatures, a special election shall be scheduled at which the issue of removing said office holder and the grounds therefor shall be placed before the electors of the state. If a majority of those voting support removal of said office holder, the office shall be immediately declared vacant and shall be filled in accordance with the constitution and laws of the state. The person so removed shall not be eligible to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office. The general assembly shall provide by statute for implementation of the recall process.

Section 2. Election by plurality.

In all elections held by the people for state, city, town, ward or district officers, the person or candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 3. Filling vacancy caused by death, removal, refusal to serve, or incapacity of elected officers — Election when no candidate receives plurality.

When the governor-elect shall die, remove from the state, refuse to serve; become insane, or be otherwise incapacitated, the lieutenant governor-elect shall be qualified as governor at the beginning of the term for which the governor was elected. When both the governor and lieutenant governor-elect, or either the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney-general, or general treasurer-elect, are so incapacitated, or when there has been a failure to elect any one or more of the officers mentioned in this section, the general assembly shall upon its organization meet in grand committee and elect some person or persons to fill the office or offices, as the case may be, for which such incapacity exists or as to which such failure to elect occurred. When the general assembly shall elect any of said officers because of the failure of any person to receive a plurality of the votes cast, the election in each case shall be made from the persons who received the same and largest number of votes.

Section 4. Temporary appointment to fill vacancies in office of secretary of state, attorney-general, or general treasurer.

In case of a vacancy in the office of the secretary of state, attorney-general, or general treasurer from any cause, the general assembly in grand committee shall elect some person to fill the same; provided, that if such vacancy occurs when the general assembly is not in session the governor shall appoint some person to fill such vacancy until a successor elected by the general assembly is qualified to act.

Section 5. Special elections to fill general assembly vacancies.

When a senator or representative-elect shall die, remove from the state, refuse to serve, become insane, or be otherwise incapacitated, or when at an election for any senator or representative no person shall receive a plurality of the votes cast, a new election shall be held. A vacancy in the senate or house of representatives shall be filled at a new election. The general assembly shall provide by general law for the holding of such elections at such times as to insure that each town and city shall be fully represented in the general assembly during the whole of every session thereof so far as is practicable. Every person

elected in accordance with this section shall hold office for the remainder of the term or for the full term, as the case may be, of the office which that person is elected to fill, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Section 6. Elections in grand committee — Majority vote — Term of elected official.

In elections by the general assembly in grand committee the person receiving a majority of the votes shall be elected. Every person elected by the general assembly to fill a vacancy, or pursuant to Section 3 of this article, shall hold office for the remainder of the term or for the full term, as the case may be, and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Section 7. Elections in grand committee — Quorum — Permitted activities.

A quorum of the grand committee shall consist of a majority of all the members of the senate and a majority of all the members of the house of representatives duly assembled pursuant to an invitation from one of said bodies which has been accepted by the other, and the acceptance of which has been communicated by message to the body in which such invitation originated, and each house shall be attended by its secretaries and clerks. No act or business of any kind shall be done in grand committee other than that which is distinctly specified in the invitation by virtue of which such grand committee is assembled, except to take a recess or to dissolve; provided, that the grand committee may appoint a subcommittee of its own members to count any ballots delivered to it and report the result of such count.

Section 8. Voter registration lists.

It shall not be necessary for the town or ward clerks to keep and transmit to the general assembly a list or register of all persons voting for general officers; but the general assembly shall have power to pass such laws on the subject as it may deem expedient.

Section 9. Reports of campaign contributions and expenses.

The general assembly shall require each candidate for general office in any primary, general or special election to report to the secretary of state all contributions and expenditures made by any person to or on behalf of such candidate, provided however, that the general assembly may limit such disclosure to contributions or expenditures in excess of such an amount as the general assembly shall specify.

Section 10. Limitations on campaign contributions — Public financing of campaign expenditures of general officers.

The general assembly shall adopt limitations on all contributions to candidates for election to state and local office in any primary, general or special election and shall provide for the adoption of a plan of voluntary public financing and limitations on total campaign expenditures of campaigns for governor and such other general officers as the general assembly shall specify.

ARTICLE V

OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS

The powers of the government shall be distributed into three separate and distinct departments: the legislative, executive and judicial.

ARTICLE VI

OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWER

Section 1. Constitution supreme law of the state.

This Constitution shall be the supreme law of the state, and any law inconsistent therewith shall be void. The general assembly shall pass all laws necessary to carry this Constitution into effect.

Section 2. Power vested in general assembly — Concurrence of houses required to enact laws — Style of laws.

The legislative power, under this Constitution, shall be vested in two houses, the one to be called the senate, the other the house of representatives; and both together the general assembly. The concurrence of the two houses shall be necessary to the enactment of laws. The style of their laws shall be, It is enacted by the general assembly as follows:

Section 3. Sessions of general assembly — Compensation of general assembly members and officers.

There shall be a session of the general assembly at Providence commencing on the first Tuesday of January in each year. Commencing in January 1995, senators and representatives shall be compensated at an annual rate of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Commencing in 1996, the rate of compensation shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the cost of living, as determined by the United States government, during a twelve (12) month period ending in the immediately preceding year. Commencing in 2003, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall be compensated at an annual rate double that of other senators and representatives.

Senators and representatives shall receive the same health insurance benefits as full-time state employees.

Senators and representatives shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses in going to and from the general assembly at the same mileage paid to state workers as of the 31st day of December in the year preceding each session.

No senator or representative shall be eligible for any pension on account of service in the general assembly after 1994; provided, however, that those senators and representatives first elected before 1994 who elect to receive compensation for legislative service in 1995 and thereafter, at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) for every day of actual attendance and eight cents (.08) per mile for traveling expenses in going to and returning from the general assembly, for a maximum of sixty (60) days in any calendar year, shall be eligible for a pension on account of service in the general assembly after 1994. The amount of such pension shall be based upon the pension program in effect for legislators on January 1, 1994.

The general assembly shall regulate the compensation of the governor and of all other officers, subject to limitations contained in the Constitution.

Section 4. Restriction on general assembly members' activities as counsel.

No member of the general assembly shall take any fee, or be of counsel in any case pending before either house of the general assembly, under penalty of forfeiture of seat, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the house in which the member sits.

Section 5. Immunities of general assembly members.

The persons of all members of the general assembly shall be exempt from arrest and their estates from attachment in any civil action, during the session of the general assembly, and two days before the commencement and two days after the termination thereof, and all process served contrary hereto shall be void. For any speech in debate in either house, no member shall be questioned in any other place, except by the ethics commission as set forth in Article III, Section 8.

Section 6. Election and qualification of general assembly members — Quorum and organization of houses.

Each house shall be the judge of the elections and qualifications of its members; and a majority shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner, and under such penalties, as may be prescribed by such house or by law. The organization of the two houses may be regulated by law, subject to the limitations contained in this Constitution.

Section 7. Rules of houses — Contempt.

Each house may determine its rules of proceeding, punish contempts, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member; but not a second time for the same cause.

Section 8. House journals.

Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings. The yeas and nays of the members of either house shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

Section 9. Adjournment of houses.

Neither house shall, during a session, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than two days, nor to any other place than that in which it may be sitting.

Section 10. Continuation of previous powers. Repealed.

Section 11. Vote required to pass local or private appropriations.

The assent of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the general assembly shall be required to every bill appropriating the public money or property for local or private purposes.

Section 12. Property valuations for tax assessments.

The general assembly shall, from time to time, provide for making new valuations of property, for the assessment of taxes, in such manner as it may deem best.

Section 13. Continuance in office until successors qualify.

The general assembly may provide by law for the continuance in office of any officers of election or appointment, until other persons are qualified to take their places.

Section 14. General corporation laws.

The general assembly may provide by general law for the creation and control of corporations; provided, however, that no corporation shall be created with the power to exercise the right of eminent domain, or to acquire franchises in the streets and highways of towns and cities, except by special act of the general assembly upon a petition for the same, the pendency whereof shall be notified as may be required by law.

Section 15. Lotteries.

All lotteries shall be prohibited in the state except lotteries operated by the state and except those previously permitted by the general assembly prior to the adoption of this section, and all shall be subject to the proscription and regulation of the general assembly.

Section 16. Borrowing power of general assembly.

The general assembly shall have no powers, without the express consent of the people, to incur state debts to an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars, except in time of war, or in case of insurrection or invasion; nor shall it in any case, without such consent, pledge the faith of the state for the payment of the obligations of others. This section shall not be construed to refer to any money that may be deposited with the state by the government of the United States.

Section 17. Borrowing in anticipation of receipts.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16 of this article the general assembly may provide by law for the state to borrow in any fiscal year, in anticipation of receipts from taxes, sums of money not exceeding twenty percent of the receipts from taxes during the next prior fiscal year, and, in anticipation of receipts from other sources, additional sums of money, not exceeding ten percent of the receipts from such other sources during the said next prior fiscal year; provided, that the aggregate of all such borrowings shall not exceed a sum equal to thirty percent of the actual receipts from taxes during the said next prior fiscal year. Any money so borrowed in anticipation of such receipts shall be repaid within the fiscal year of the state in which such borrowings take place. No money shall be so borrowed in anticipation of such receipts in any fiscal year until all money so borrowed in all previous fiscal years shall have been repaid.

Section 18. Redevelopment powers.

The clearance, replanning, redevelopment, rehabilitation and improvement of blighted and substandard areas shall be a public use and purpose for which the power of eminent domain may be exercised, tax moneys and other public funds expended and public credit pledged. The general assembly may authorize cities, towns, or local redevelopment agencies to undertake and carry out projects approved by the local legislative body for such uses and purposes including the acquisition in such areas of such properties as the local legislative body may deem necessary or proper to effectuate any of the purposes of this article, although temporarily not required for such purposes, and the sale or other disposition of any such properties to private persons for private uses or to public bodies for public uses.

Section 19. Taking of property for highways, streets, places, parks or parkways.

The general assembly may authorize the acquiring or taking in fee by the state, or by any cities or towns, of more land and property than is needed for actual construction in the establishing, laying out, widening, extending or relocating of public highways, streets, places, parks or parkways; provided, however, that the additional land and property so authorized to be acquired or taken shall be no more in extent than would be sufficient to form suitable building sites abutting on such public highway, street, place, park or parkway. After so much of the land and property has been appropriated for such public highway, street, place, park or parkway as is needed therefor, the remainder may be held and improved for any public purpose or purposes, or may be sold or leased for value with or without suitable restrictions, and in case of any such sale or lease, the person or persons from whom such remainder was taken shall have the first right to purchase or lease the same upon such terms as the state or city or town is willing to sell or lease the same.

Section 20. Local off-street parking facilities.

The general assembly may authorize cities and towns to acquire property by eminent domain, or otherwise for the establishment and construction of off-street parking facilities and to maintain and operate or lease the same. Without limiting the generalities of the foregoing, any of the powers or authorities consistent with the provisions of this article for the provision of off-street parking now vested in public bodies by law, shall continue in existence and may be exercised by said public bodies, except as such powers and authorities may be modified, or repealed by the general assembly.

Section 21. Emergency powers in case of enemy attack.

The general assembly, in order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations, including the judicial functions, in periods of emergency resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, shall have the power and the immediate duty to provide for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices, to enact legislation permitting the convening of the general assembly at any place within or without the State of Rhode Island, and to adopt such other measures as may be necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations during the period of said emergency. Any law enacted under this section shall apply to all cities and towns regardless of their form of charter. During said period of emergency the general assembly shall have the power to incur state debts exceeding the limitation set forth in Sections 16 and 17 of this article. The powers granted and the laws enacted under this section shall not be effective after two years following the inception of an enemy attack.

Section 22. Restriction of gambling.

No act expanding the types or locations of gambling which are permitted within the state or within any city or town therein or expanding municipalities in which a particular form of gambling is authorized shall take effect until it has been approved by the majority of those electors voting in a statewide referendum and by the majority of those electors voting in said referendum in the municipality in which the proposed gambling would be allowed and, having been so approved in said referendum in any city or town on or after November 4, 2014, the location where the gambling is permitted in any city or town shall not be changed within said city or town without approval of the majority of those electors voting on said proposed change in a referendum in said city or town.

The secretary of state shall certify the results of the statewide referendum and the local board of canvassers of the city or town where the gambling is to be allowed shall certify the results of the local referendum to the secretary of state.

ARTICLE VII

OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Composition.

There shall be one hundred (100) members of the house of representatives, provided, however, that commencing in 2003 there shall be seventy-five (75) members of the house of representatives. The house of representatives shall be constituted on the basis of population and the representative districts shall be as nearly equal in population and as compact in territory as possible. The general assembly shall, after any new census taken by authority of the United States, reapportion the representation to conform to the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. Officers — Presiding member during organization.

The house of representatives shall have authority to elect its speaker, clerks, and other officers. The senior member from the city of Newport, if any be present, shall preside in the organization of the house.

**ARTICLE VIII
OF THE SENATE**

Section 1. Composition.

The senate shall consist of the lieutenant governor and fifty (50) members from the senatorial districts in the state, provided, however, that commencing in 2003 the senate shall consist of thirty-eight (38) members from the senatorial districts in the state. The senate shall be constituted on the basis of population and the senatorial districts shall be as nearly equal in population and as compact in territory as possible. The general assembly shall, after any new census taken by authority of the United States, reapportion the representation to conform to the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. Lieutenant governor to be presiding officer until 2003.

The lieutenant governor shall preside in the senate and in grand committee until 2003. Commencing in 2003, the senate shall elect its president, who shall preside in the senate and in grand committee, as well as its secretary and other officers from among its members and shall elect its clerks. The senior member from the city of Newport, if any be present, shall preside in the organization of the senate.

Section 3. Repealed.

Section 4. Repealed.

**ARTICLE IX
OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER**

Section 1. Power vested in governor.

The chief executive power of this state shall be vested in a governor, who, together with a lieutenant governor, shall be elected by the people.

Section 2. Faithful execution of laws.

The governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Section 3. Captain general and commander in chief of military and navy.

The governor shall be captain general and commander in chief of the military and naval forces of this state, except when they shall be called into the service of the United States.

Section 4. Reprieves.

The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, after conviction, in all cases, except those of impeachment, until the end of the next session of the general assembly.

Section 5. Powers of appointment.

The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint all officers of the state whose appointment is not herein otherwise provided for and all members of any board, commission or other state or quasi-public entity which exercises executive power under the laws of this state; but the general assembly may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they deem proper, in the governor, or within their respective departments in the other general officers, the judiciary or in the heads of departments.

Section 6. Adjournment of general assembly.

In case of disagreement between the two houses of the general assembly, respecting the time or place of adjournment, certified by either, the governor may adjourn them to such time and place as the governor shall think proper; provided, that the time of adjournment shall not be extended beyond the day of the next stated session.

Section 7. Convening of special sessions of the general assembly.

The governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the general assembly at any town or city in this state, at any time not provided for by law; and in case of danger from the prevalence of epidemic or contagious disease, in the place in which the general assembly is by law to meet, or to which it may have been adjourned, or for other urgent reasons, the governor may by proclamation convene said assembly at any other place within this state.

Section 8. Commissions.

All commissions shall be in the name and by authority of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; shall be sealed with the state seal, signed by the governor, and attested by the secretary.

Section 9. Vacancy in office of governor.

If the office of the governor shall be vacant by reason of death, resignation, impeachment or inability to serve, the lieutenant governor shall fill the office of governor, and exercise the powers and authority appertaining thereto, until a governor is qualified to act, or until the office is filled at the next election.

Section 10. Vacancies in both offices of governor and lieutenant governor.

If the offices of governor and lieutenant governor be both vacant by reason of death, resignation, impeachment, or inability to serve, the speaker of the house of representatives shall in like manner fill the office of governor during such vacancy.

Section 11. Compensation of governor and lieutenant governor.

The compensation of the governor and lieutenant governor shall be established by law, and shall not be diminished during the term for which they are elected.

Section 12. Powers and duties of secretary, attorney-general, and general treasurer.

The duties and powers of the secretary, attorney-general and general treasurer shall be the same under this Constitution as are now established, or as from time to time may be prescribed by law.

Section 13. Pardons.

The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall hereafter exclusively exercise the pardoning power, except in cases of impeachment, to the same extent as such power is now exercised by the general assembly.

Section 14. Veto power of governor — Veto overrides by general assembly — Acts effective without action by governor.

Every bill, resolution, or vote (except such as relate to adjournment, the organization or conduct of either or both houses of the general assembly, and resolutions proposing amendment to the Constitution) which shall have passed both houses of the general assembly shall be presented to the governor. If the governor approve it the governor shall sign it, and thereupon it shall become operative, but if the governor does not approve it the governor shall return it, accompanied by the governor's objections in writing to the house in which it originated, which shall enter the governor's objections in full upon its journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, three-fifths of the members present and voting in that house shall vote to pass the measure, it shall be sent with the objections, to the other house, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by three-fifths of the members present and voting in that house, it shall become operative in the same manner as if the governor had approved it, but in such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by ayes and nays and the names of the members voting for and against the measure shall be entered upon the journal of each house, respectively. If the measure shall not be returned by the governor within six days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to the governor the same shall become operative unless the general assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall become operative unless transmitted by the governor to the secretary of state, with the governor's disapproval in writing within ten days after such adjournment.

Section 15. State budget.

The governor shall prepare and present to the general assembly an annual, consolidated operating and capital improvement state budget.

Section 16. Limitation on state spending.

(a) No appropriation, supplemental appropriation or budget act shall cause the aggregate state general revenue appropriations enacted in any given fiscal year to exceed ninety-seven percent (97%) of the estimated state general revenues for such fiscal year from all sources, including estimated unencumbered general revenues to the new fiscal year remaining at the end of the previous fiscal year. Estimated unencumbered general revenues are calculated by taking the estimated general revenue cash balance at the end of the fiscal year less estimated revenue anticipation bonds or notes, estimated general revenue encumbrances, estimated continuing general revenue appropriations and the amount of the budget reserve account at the end of said fiscal year.

(b) The amount between the applicable percentage in (a) and one hundred percent (100%) of the estimated state general revenue for any fiscal year as estimated in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be appropriated in any given fiscal year into the budget reserve account; provided, however, that no such payment will be made which would increase the total of the budget reserve account to more than five percent (5%) of only the estimated state general revenues as set by subsection (a) of this section. In the event that the payment to be made into the budget reserve account would increase the amount in said account to more than five percent (5%) of estimated state general revenues that said amount shall be transferred to the Rhode Island Capital Plan fund to be used solely for funding capital projects.

(c) Within forty-five (45) days after the close of any fiscal year, all unencumbered general revenue in the year end surplus account from the said fiscal year shall be transferred to the general fund.

Section 17. Budget reserve account.

There is hereby established a budget reserve account within the general fund. Revenues in this budget reserve account may be appropriated in the event of an emergency involving the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the state of Rhode Island or in the event of an unanticipated deficit in any given fiscal year, such appropriations to be approved by a majority vote of each house of the general assembly.

ARTICLE X

OF THE JUDICIAL POWER

Section 1. Power vested in court.

The judicial power of this state shall be vested in one supreme court, and in such inferior courts as the general assembly may, from time to time, ordain and establish.

Section 2. Jurisdiction of supreme and inferior courts — Quorum of supreme court.

The supreme court shall have final revisory and appellate jurisdiction upon all questions of law and equity. It shall have power to issue prerogative writs, and shall also have such other jurisdiction as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law. A majority of its judges shall always be necessary to constitute a quorum. The inferior courts shall have such jurisdiction as may, from time to time, be prescribed by law.

Section 3. Advisory opinions by supreme court.

The judges of the supreme court shall give their written opinion upon any question of law whenever requested by the governor or by either house of the general assembly.

Section 4. State court judges — Judicial selection.

The governor shall fill any vacancy of any justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court by nominating, on the basis of merit, a person from a list submitted by an independent non-partisan judicial nominating commission, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and by and with the separate advice and consent of the house of representatives, shall appoint said person as a justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. The governor shall fill any vacancy of any judge of the Rhode Island Superior Court, Family Court, District, Workers' Compensation Court, Administrative Adjudication Court, or any other state court which the general assembly may from time to time establish by nominating on the basis of merit, a person from a list submitted by the aforesaid judicial nominating commission, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint said person to the court where the vacancy occurs. The powers, duties, and composition of the judicial nominating commission shall be defined by statute.

Section 5. Tenure of supreme court justices.

Justices of the supreme court shall hold office during good behavior.

Section 6. Judges of supreme court — Compensation.

The judges of the supreme court shall receive a compensation for their services, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Section 7. Wardens and justices of the peace.

The towns of New Shoreham and Jamestown may continue to elect their wardens as heretofore. The other towns and the city of Providence may elect such number of justices of the peace, resident therein, as they may deem proper. The jurisdiction of said justices and wardens shall be regulated by law. The justices shall be commissioned by the governor.

ARTICLE XI

OF IMPEACHMENTS

Section 1. Power to impeach — Procedure — Suspension from office impeachment.

The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment. A resolution of impeachment shall not be considered unless it is signed by one-quarter (1/4) of the members. For the purposes of impeachment, the general assembly and the committees thereof shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall be required for an impeachment of the governor. Any officer impeached shall thereby be suspended from the office until judgment in the case shall have been pronounced.

Section 2. Trial of impeachments.

All impeachments shall be tried by the senate; and when sitting for that purpose, they shall be under oath or affirmation. No person shall be convicted except by vote of two-thirds of the members elected. When the governor is impeached, the chief or presiding justice of the supreme court, for the time being, shall preside, with a casting vote in all preliminary questions.

Section 3. Officers subject to impeachment — Grounds and effect of conviction.

The governor and all other executive and judicial officers shall be liable to impeachment. The governor or any other executive officer shall be removed from office if, upon impeachment, such officer shall be found incapacitated or guilty of the commission of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, misfeasance or malfeasance in office. Judges shall be removed if, upon impeachment, they shall be found incapacitated or guilty of the commission of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, misfeasance or malfeasance in office or violation of the canons of judicial ethics. Judgment of incapacity or guilt in a case of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office. The person convicted shall, nevertheless, be liable to indictment, trial and punishment, according to laws.

ARTICLE XII

OF EDUCATION

Section 1. Duty of general assembly to promote schools and libraries.

The diffusion of knowledge, as well as of virtue among the people, being essential to the preservation of their rights and liberties, it shall be the duty of the general assembly to promote public schools and public libraries, and to adopt all means which it may deem necessary and proper to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education and public library services.

Section 2. Perpetual school fund.

The money which now is or which may hereafter be appropriated by law for the establishment of a permanent fund for the support of public schools, shall be securely invested and remain a perpetual fund for that purpose.

Section 3. Donations.

All donations for the support of public schools, or for other purposes of education, which may be received by the general assembly, shall be applied according to the terms prescribed by the donors.

Section 4. Implementation of article — Diversion of funds prohibited.

The general assembly shall make all necessary provisions by law for carrying this article into effect. It shall not divert said money or fund from the aforesaid uses, nor borrow, appropriate, or use the same, or any part thereof, for any other purpose, under any pretence whatsoever.

ARTICLE XIII

HOME RULE FOR CITIES AND TOWNS

Section 1. Intent of article.

It is the intention of this article to grant and confirm to the people of every city and town in this state the right of self government in all local matters.

Section 2. Local legislative powers.

Every city and town shall have the power at any time to adopt a charter, amend its charter, enact and amend local laws relating to its property, affairs and government not inconsistent with this Constitution and laws enacted by the general assembly in conformity with the powers reserved to the general assembly.

Section 3. Local legislative bodies.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this article, every city and town shall have a legislative body composed of one or two branches elected by vote of its qualified electors.

Section 4. Powers of general assembly over cities and towns.

The general assembly shall have the power to act in relation to the property, affairs and government of any city or town by general laws which shall apply alike to all cities and towns, but which shall not affect the form of government of any city or town. The general assembly shall also have the power to act in relation to the property, affairs and government of a particular city or town provided that such legislative action shall become effective only upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the said city or town voting at a general or special election, except that in the case of acts involving the imposition of a tax or the expenditure of money by a town the same shall provide for the submission thereof to those electors in said town qualified to vote upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money.

Section 5. Local taxing and borrowing powers.

Nothing contained in this article shall be deemed to grant to any city or town the power to levy, assess and collect taxes or to borrow money, except as authorized by the general assembly.

Section 6. Charter commissions.

Every city and town shall have the power to adopt a charter in the following manner: Whenever a petition for the adoption of a charter signed by fifteen percent of the qualified electors of a city, or in a town by fifteen percent, but not less than one hundred in number, of those persons qualified to vote on any proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money shall be filed with the legislative body of any city or town the same shall be referred forthwith to the canvassing authority which shall within ten days after its receipt determine the sufficiency thereof and certify the results to the legislative body of said city or town. Within sixty days thereafter the legislative body of a city shall submit to its qualified electors and the legislative body of a town shall submit to the electors of said town qualified to vote upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money the following question: "Shall a commission be appointed to frame a charter?" and the legislative body of any city or town shall provide by ordinance or resolution a method for the nomination and election of a charter commission to frame a charter consisting in a city of nine qualified electors and in a town of nine electors of said town qualified to vote upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money who shall be elected at large without party or political designation and who shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot used for said election. Such ordinance or resolution shall provide for the submission of the question and the election of the charter commission at the same time. Upon approval of the question submitted the nine candidates who individually receive the greater number of votes shall be declared elected and shall constitute the charter commission.

Section 7. Adoption of charters.

Within one year from the date of the election of the charter commission the charter framed by the commission shall be submitted to the legislative body of the city or town which body shall provide for publication of said charter and shall provide for the submission of said charter to the electors of a city or town qualified to vote for general state officers at the general election next succeeding thirty days from the date of the submission of the charter by the charter commission. If said charter is approved by a majority of said electors voting thereon, it shall become effective upon the date fixed therein.

Section 8. Amendments to charters.

The legislative body of any city or town may propose amendments to a charter which amendments shall be submitted for approval in the same manner as provided in this article for the adoption of a charter except that the same may be submitted at a special election, and provided further that in the case of a town, amendments concerning a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money, shall be submitted at a special or regular financial town meeting.

Section 9. Filing of charter petitions to bicameral legislative bodies.

Whenever the legislative body of any city or town consists of more than one branch, a petition for the adoption of a charter as provided in this article may be filed with either branch of said legislative body.

Section 10. Charter certificates — Signing — Recordation — Deposit — Judicial notice.

Duplicate certificates shall be made setting forth the charter adopted and any amendments approved and the same shall be signed by a majority of the canvassing authority; one of such certified copies shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state and the other after having been recorded in the records of the city or town shall be deposited among the archives of the said city or town and all courts shall take judicial notice thereof.

Section 11. Judicial powers unaffected by article.

The judicial powers of the state shall not be diminished by the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE XIV

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 1. Procedure for proposing and approving amendments.

The general assembly may propose amendments to the Constitution of the state by a roll call vote of a majority of the members elected to each house. Any amendment thus proposed shall be published in such manner as the general assembly shall direct, and submitted to the electors at the next general election as provided in the resolution of approval; and, if then approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall become a part of the Constitution.

Section 2. Constitutional conventions.

The general assembly, by a vote of a majority of the members elected to each house, may at any general election submit the question, "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?" to the qualified electors of the state. If the question be not submitted to the people at some time during any period of ten years, the secretary of state shall submit it at the next general election following said period. Prior to a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a convention, the general assembly, or the governor if the general assembly fails to act, shall provide for a bi-partisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors. If a majority of the electors voting at such election on said question shall vote to hold a convention, the general assembly at its next session shall provide by law for the election of delegates to such convention. The number of delegates shall be equal to the number of members of the house of representatives and shall be apportioned in the same manner as the members of the house of representatives. No revision or amendment of this Constitution agreed upon by such convention shall take effect until the same has been submitted to the electors and approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

ARTICLE XV

GENERAL TRANSITION

Section 1. Rights and duties of public bodies unaffected — Continuation of laws, ordinances, regulations and rules.

The rights and duties of all public bodies shall remain as if this Constitution had not been adopted with the exception of such changes as are contained in this Constitution. All laws, ordinances, regulations and rules of court not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Constitution shall remain in force, until they shall expire by their own limitation or shall be altered or repealed pursuant to this Constitution.

Section 2. Validity of bonds, debts, contracts, suits, actions, and rights of actions continued.

The validity of all public and private bonds, debts and contracts, and of all suits, actions, and rights of action, shall continue as if no change had taken place.

Section 3. Continuation of office holders.

All officers filling any office by election or appointment shall continue the duties thereof, until the end of the terms to which they were appointed or elected, and until their offices shall have been abolished or their successors elected and qualified in accordance with this Constitution or laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Section 4. Implementing legislation for Article III, Sections 7 and 8, and Article IV, Section 10.

On or before June 1, 1988, the general assembly shall adopt implementing legislation for Article III, Sections 7 and 8, and for Article IV, Section 10.

** Twenty-two sections of the Rhode Island Constitution have been amended or repealed since the current codification was approved by the voters in November, 1986.*

RHODE ISLAND VILLAGES

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Abbott Run	Cumberland	Providence
Adamsville	Little Compton	Newport
Albion	Lincoln	Providence
Allendale	North Providence	Providence
Allenton	North Kingstown	Washington
Alton	Hopkinton-Richmond	Washington
Annaquatucket	North Kingstown	Washington
Annawomscutt	Barrington	Bristol
Anthony	Coventry	Kent
Apponaug	Warwick	Kent
Arcadia	Exeter-Richmond	Washington
Arctic	West Warwick	Kent
Arkwright	Coventry	Kent
Arlington	Cranston	Providence
Arnold Mills	Cumberland	Providence
Arnold Neck	Warwick	Kent
Ashaway	Hopkinton	Washington
Ashton	Cumberland	Providence
Auburn	Cranston	Providence
Austin	Exeter	Washington
Avondale	Westerly	Washington
Barber Heights	North Kingstown	Washington
Barberville	Hopkinton	Washington
Bay Spring	Barrington	Bristol
Beach Terrace	Bristol	Bristol
Beavertail	Jamestown	Newport
Bellefonte	Cranston	Providence
Belleville	North Kingstown	Washington
Berkeley	Cumberland	Providence
Bethel	Hopkinton	Washington
Beverage Hill	Pawtucket	Providence
Birch Hill	West Warwick	Kent
Black Plain	Exeter	Washington
Block Island	New Shoreham	Washington
Bonnet Shores	Narragansett	Washington
Bowdish	Glocester	Providence
Boyden Heights	East Providence	Providence
Bradford	Westerly	Washington
Branch Village	North Smithfield	Providence
Bridgeport	Tiverton	Newport
Bridgeton	Burrillville	Providence
Bridgetown	South Kingstown	Washington
Briggs Point	Little Compton	Newport
Brightman Hill	Hopkinton	Washington
Bristol Ferry	Portsmouth	Newport
Bristol Narrows	Bristol	Bristol
Bristol Highlands	Bristol	Bristol
Browning's Hill	North Kingstown	Washington
Brush Neck Cove	Warwick	Kent
Bullocks Point	East Providence	Providence
Burdickville	Charlestown-Hopkinton	Washington
Burr Hill	Warren	Bristol
Buttonwoods	Warwick	Kent
Canonchet	Hopkinton	Washington
Carolina	Charlestown-Richmond	Washington
Castle Hill	Newport	Newport
Castle Isle	Bristol	Bristol
Cedar Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Cedar Point	Jamestown	Newport

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Cedar Point	Narragansett	Washington
Cedar Tree Point	Warwick	Kent
Centerdale	North Providence	Providence
Centerville	Hopkinton	Washington
Centerville	West Warwick	Kent
Champlin Hill	Hopkinton	Washington
Chepachet	Glocester	Providence
Chepiwanoxet	Warwick	Kent
Chopmist	Scituate	Providence
Clarkville	Glocester	Providence
Clayville	Foster-Scituate	Providence
Clyde	West Warwick	Kent
Coasters Harbor	Newport	Newport
Cocumcussoc	North Kingstown	Washington
Coddington Point	Newport	Newport
Coggeshall	Warren	Bristol
Cold Spring	North Kingstown	Washington
Coles	Warwick	Kent
Common Fence Point	Portsmouth	Newport
Conanicut	Jamestown	Newport
Conimicut	Warwick	Kent
Corey Lane	Portsmouth	Newport
Cowesett	Warwick	Kent
Crescent Park	East Providence	Providence
Crompton	West Warwick	Kent
Cross Mill	Charlestown	Washington
Crystal Lake	North Smithfield	Providence
Cumberland Hill	Cumberland	Providence
Cumberland Mills	Cumberland	Providence
Darlington	Pawtucket	Providence
Davisville	North Kingstown	Washington
Despair Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Diamond Hill	Cumberland	Providence
Dryden Heights	Warwick	Kent
Duby Grove	Warwick	Kent
Dunn's Corner	Westerly	Washington
Durfee Hill	Glocester	Providence
Dutch Island	Jamestown	Newport
Dyer Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Dyerville	Providence	Providence
Eagleville	Tiverton	Newport
East Warren	Warren	Bristol
Easton Point	Middletown	Newport
Eden Park	Cranston	Providence
Edgewood	Cranston-Providence	Providence
Elmhurst	Providence	Providence
Elmwood	Providence	Providence
Escoheag	West Greenwich	Kent
Esmond	Smithfield	Providence
Fairlawn	Pawtucket	Providence
Fairmount	Woonsocket	Providence
Federal Hill	Providence	Providence
Fisherville	Exeter	Washington
Fiskeville	Scituate	Providence
Fogland Point	Tiverton	Newport
Forestdale	North Smithfield	Providence
Fort Adams	Newport	Newport
Fort Hill	East Providence	Providence
Forty Steps	Newport	Newport
Foster Center	Foster	Providence
Fox Island	North Kingstown	Washington
Fox Point	Providence	Providence

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Freebody Hill	Jamestown	Newport
Frenchtown	East Greenwich	Kent
Fruit Hill	North Providence	Providence
Galilee	Narragansett	Washington
Gaspee Point	Warwick	Kent
Gazzaville	Burrillville	Providence
Geneva	North Providence-Providence	Providence
Georgiaville	Smithfield	Providence
Glen Rock	South Kingstown	Washington
Glen Rock	Scituate	Providence
Glendale	Burrillville	Providence
Globe	Woonsocket	Providence
Goat Island	Newport	Newport
Goddard Park	Warwick	Kent
Gould	South Kingstown	Washington
Gould Island	Jamestown	Newport
Gould Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Graniteville	Burrillville	Providence
Graniteville	Johnston	Providence
Grant Station	Warwick	Kent
Grants Mills	Cumberland	Providence
Grayville	Tiverton	Newport
Great Island	Narragansett	Washington
Green Hill	South Kingstown	Washington
Greene	Coventry	Kent
Greenville	Smithfield	Providence
Greenwood	Warwick	Kent
Greystone	North Providence	Providence
Hamilton	North Kingstown	Washington
Hamlet	Woonsocket	Providence
Hampden Meadows	Barrington	Bristol
Harmony	Glocester	Providence
Harris	Coventry-West Warwick	Kent
Harrisville	Burrillville	Providence
Haversham	Westerly	Washington
Hillsdale	Richmond	Washington
Hillsgrove	Warwick	Kent
Hog Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Homestead	Portsmouth	Newport
Hope	Scituate	Providence
Hope Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Hope Valley	Hopkinton	Washington
Hopkins Hill	West Greenwich	Kent
Hopkins Hollow	Coventry	Kent
Howard	Cranston	Providence
Hoxsie	Warwick	Kent
Hughesdale	Johnston	Providence
Hummocks	Portsmouth	Newport
Huntsville	Burrillville	Providence
Island Park	Portsmouth	Newport
Jackson	Scituate	Providence
Jericho	West Warwick	Kent
Jerusalem	Narragansett	Washington
Kent Heights	East Providence	Providence
Kenyon	Charlestown	Washington
Kickemuit	Warren	Bristol
Kingston	South Kingstown	Washington
Kitt's Corner	West Greenwich	Kent
Knightsville	Cranston	Providence
Lafayette	North Kingstown	Washington
Lakewood	Warwick	Kent
Laurel Hill	Burrillville	Providence

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Lebanon	Pawtucket	Providence
Liberty	Exeter	Washington
Lime Rock	Lincoln	Providence
Lincoln Park	Warwick	Kent
Lippitt	West Warwick	Kent
Locustville	Hopkinton	Washington
Longmeadow	Warwick	Kent
Lonsdale	Cumberland-Lincoln	Providence
Louisquisset	Lincoln-North Providence	Providence
Lymansville	North Providence	Providence
Manton	Providence	Providence
Manville	Lincoln	Providence
Mapleville	Burrillville	Providence
Marieville	North Providence	Providence
Matunuck	South Kingstown	Washington
Meadow View	Warwick	Kent
Melville	Portsmouth	Newport
Merino	Johnston	Providence
Meshanticut Park	Cranston	Providence
Millville	Exeter	Washington
Mishnock	West Greenwich	Kent
Misquamicut	Westerly	Washington
Mohegan	Burrillville	Providence
Mohegan Bluffs	New Shoreham	Washington
Morgan Mills	Johnston	Providence
Moosup Valley	Foster	Providence
Moscow	Hopkinton	Washington
Moswansicut Lake	Johnston	Providence
Mount Hygeia	Foster	Providence
Mount Pleasant	Providence	Providence
Mount View	North Kingstown	Washington
Mountaindale	Smithfield	Providence
Nannaquaket	Tiverton	Newport
Napatree Point	Westerly	Washington
Narragansett Pier	Narragansett	Washington
Narragansett Terrace	East Providence	Providence
Nasonville	Burrillville	Providence
Natick	West Warwick	Kent
Nausauket	Warwick	Kent
Nayatt	Barrington	Bristol
New Harbor	New Shoreham	Washington
Nooseneck	West Greenwich	Kent
North Ferry	North Kingstown	Washington
North Foster	Foster	Providence
North Scituate	Scituate	Providence
North Tiverton	Tiverton	Newport
Norwood	Warwick	Kent
Oak Valley	Burrillville	Providence
Oakland	Burrillville	Providence
Oakland Beach	Warwick	Kent
Oaklawn	Cranston	Providence
Ochre Point	Newport	Newport
Old Harbor	New Shoreham	Washington
Old Warwick	Warwick	Kent
Olneyville	Providence	Providence
Omega	East Providence	Providence
Palace Garden	Warwick	Kent
Pascoag	Burrillville	Providence
Patience	Portsmouth	Newport
Pawtuxet	Cranston-Warwick	Providence-Kent
Peace Dale	South Kingstown	Washington
Perryville	South Kingstown	Washington

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Pettaconsett	Cranston	Providence
Phenix	West Warwick	Kent
Phillipsdale	East Providence	Providence
Pine Ridge	Foster	Providence
Pleasant Hill	Westerly	Washington
Pleasant View	Pawtucket	Providence
Pleasant View	Westerly	Washington
Plum Beach	North Kingstown	Washington
Point Judith	Narragansett	Washington
Ponaganset	Foster-Scituate	Providence
Pontiac	Warwick	Kent
Poplar Point	North Kingstown	Washington
Poppasquash Point	Bristol	Bristol
Potowomut	Warwick	Kent
Potter Hill	Hopkinton-Westerly	Washington
Potterville	Coventry	Kent
Primrose	North Smithfield	Providence
Prudence Island	Portsmouth	Newport
Quaker Hill	Portsmouth	Newport
Quidnessett	North Kingstown	Washington
Quidnick	Coventry	Kent
Quonochontaug	Charlestown	Washington
Quonset	North Kingstown	Washington
Rice City	Coventry	Kent
River Point	West Warwick	Kent
River View	Warwick	Kent
Riverside	East Providence	Providence
Rockland	Scituate	Providence
Rockville	Hopkinton	Washington
Rocky Brook	South Kingstown	Washington
Rocky Point	Warwick	Kent
Rose Island	Newport	Newport
Round Top	Burrillville	Providence
Rumford	East Providence	Providence
Rumstick Point	Barrington	Bristol
Sachuest	Middletown	Newport
Sakonnet	Little Compton	Newport
Sand Beach	Burrillville	Providence
Sand Hill Cove	Narragansett	Washington
Sandy Point	New Shoreham	Washington
Sandy Point	Warwick	Kent
Sandy Point	Westerly	Washington
Saunderstown	Narragansett-No. Kingstown	Washington
Saundersville	Scituate	Providence
Saxonville	Burrillville	Providence
Saylesville	Lincoln	Providence
Scarborough	Narragansett	Washington
Seal Island	Bristol	Bristol
Shannock	Charlestown-Richmond	Washington
Shawomet	Warwick	Kent
Shelter Harbor	Westerly	Washington
Silver Lake	Providence	Providence
Silver Spring	East Providence	Providence
Simmons ville	Johnston	Providence
Slatersville	North Smithfield	Providence
Slocum	North Kingstown	Washington
Smith Hill	Providence	Providence
Social	Woonsocket	Providence
Sockanosset	Cranston	Providence
South Ferry	Narragansett	Washington
South Foster	Foster	Providence
South Warren	Warren	Bristol

VILLAGE-LOCATION	CITY-TOWN	COUNTY
Spragueville	Smithfield	Providence
Spring Green	Warwick	Kent
Spring Grove	Glocester	Providence
Spring Lake	Coventry	Kent
Squantum	East Providence	Providence
Stillmanville	Westerly	Washington
Stillwater	Smithfield	Providence
Summit	Coventry	Kent
Tarkiln	Burrillville	Providence
Thornton	Cranston	Providence
Tiogue	Coventry	Kent
Tiverton Four Corners	Tiverton	Newport
Tockwotton	Providence	Providence
Tonomy Hill	Newport	Newport
Touisset	Warren	Bristol
Tower Hill	South Kingstown	Washington
Tunipus	Little Compton	Newport
Union Village	North Smithfield	Providence
Usquepaug	So. Kingstown-Richmond	Washington
Valley Falls	Cumberland	Providence
Vernon	Foster	Providence
Wakefield	South Kingstown	Washington
Walker Island	Bristol	Bristol
Wallum Lake	Burrillville	Providence
Wanskuck	Providence	Providence
Warwick Downs	Warwick	Kent
Warwick Neck	Warwick	Kent
Washington	Coventry	Kent
Washington Park	Cranston-Providence	Providence
Watchaug	Charlestown	Washington
Watch Hill	Westerly	Washington
Watchemoket	East Providence	Providence
Waterford	North Smithfield	Providence
Weekapaug	Westerly	Washington
Wesquage	Narragansett	Washington
West Arlington	Cranston	Providence
West Barrington	Barrington	Bristol
West Glocester	Glocester	Providence
West Greenville	Smithfield	Providence
West Kingston	South Kingstown	Washington
Wescott	West Warwick	Kent
Whipple	Burrillville	Providence
White Rock	Westerly	Washington
Wickaboxet	West Greenwich	Kent
Wickford	North Kingstown	Washington
Wild Goose Point	North Kingstown	Washington
Winnapaug	Westerly	Washington
Wood River Junction	Charlestown-Richmond	Washington
Woodlawn	Pawtucket	Providence
Woodville	Hopkinton-Richmond	Washington
Woodville	North Providence	Providence
Woonsocket Hill	North Smithfield	Providence
Wyoming	Hopkinton-Richmond	Washington
Yawgoog	Hopkinton	Washington

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